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The words, finished, or completed can never be written at the close of a "Family History", for history of families never end. A generation passes away but a new one comes to take its place. Each day there is the possibility of discovering records in a previous generation.

The author gratefully acknowledges the many aids and much material that has come from members of the various families. This record was begun thirty-five years ago, hundreds-of-letters have been written, research trips made, many persons interviewed, fading wills and yellowing court transactions read. Bible records were located, records that had been forgotten those many years. Interesting and beautiful cemeteries visited and mossgrown inscriptions deciphered.

The work has been tedious, at times arduous but always a labor of love and a thing of joy. No claim has been made that the record is perfect, it may contain many errors, but it does record a partial story of your ancestors and mine. Ancestors, whose virtues we will do well to emulate.

~~4343 Buena Vista~~ Effie Norwood Jones
Dallas 5, Texas June 1, 1954
4420 Cole Ave.
Apt. 11, The Bahamas
LA-8-5493

Explanation of Arrangement of Material

The name of the first known ancestor is denoted by the figure 1, each of his or her children are denoted by the figure 2, his or her grandchildren by the figure 3 and so on to the last descendant of the person first mentioned. For illustration, Theophilus Norwood is designated 1, in the Norwood line. The youngest descendant at this time is designated Karla Denise Norwood 8 meaning she is the eighth in the line from Theophilus Norwood. Each line has been worked out in the same manner.

Each person mentioned in a line is carried on through, that is, each descendant as they come.

Where families are in two lines they are not carried in both lines but note is made where that person is placed.

Norwood Family

Our Norwood Family begins with Theophilus Norwood of Virginia. We are sure he was the son of Samuel norwood but do not know the name of his mother. Theophilus was born in Virginia and married to Margaret Warren in that state, but by 1751 he had moved to South Carolina, Darlington District. It is rather evident that on the way down to South Carolina they lived for a time in North Carolina in the vicinity of the small town that is called Norwood, possibly for that family. Some of the family remained at Norwood, for persons with that name still live there but not too much research has been done on that branch of the family as the author has been interested in the persons that came to South Carolina.

1. Theophilus Norwood

m

Margaret Dawson

issue

2. Captain John Norwood b1751 d1826 in South Carolina

m about 1780

Mary Warren

John Norwood born in 1751 became the Captain John Norwood who saw service in the War of the Revolution under Francis Marion listed as General Francis Marion's Brigade from Farlington District South Carolina. His brother, Samuel was a private in the same outfit.

The date of marriage of Captain John Norwood to Mary Warren has not been ascertained but we do know that she was great grand daughter of Isaac DuBose and his wife, Sarah Cuillineau who came to America from Dieppe France because of the revication of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. They were accompanied by the brother of Sarah, Elias Cuillineau, we have found that Mary Warren had a brother, Elias Warren who was Lieutenant in War of Revolution.(Interesting to note that a form of the name Elias has been used in every

generation of Norwood's, the form now being used is Ellis.)

Captain John Norwood acquired a fine estate for his time and accumulated much property by cattle raising for the Charleston South Carolina market, and by farming with slave labor.

3. John Norwood b1784 in South Carolina d April 1862 in Simpson Co. Mississippi m possibly about 1808 in South Carolina.

Catherine Powell b1790 in South Carolina d 1872 in Simpson Co. Mississippi. These dates were secured from United States Census of 1860. After the birth of one or more of the children John and his family moved to Mississippi. The move was made in ox-drawn wagons with Catherine and the children riding in the family carriage. Hannah one of the house servants rode in the carriage to assist with the care of the children, she was allowed to carry in her arms her own son, later mentioned in John's will as, old Glasco, who at the time was only three weeks old.

The family settled near Corinth, Mississippi, also lived for a time near Columbus, about 1815 they moved to Simpson County as the county was not organized until 1823.

John made at least two trips back to South Carolina, one at the death of his father, Captain John Norwood and another at the death of Catherine's father, he assisted in settling the estates and both times brought back slaves they received in the estate settlements.

John Norwood accumulated much property for his will written in 1858, after having provided for each of the twelve children at their marriages with slaves and land disposes of some twenty negroes and land. John died in 1862 and his will was filed for probate April 9, 1862. A very interesting fact is that the court house in Simpson County burned twice, but the will was gound in Will Book No. 1, with a notation that original was brought in by the son, George, one of the executors, and refiled in 1876. L.W. Magee,

in the County Clerk's Office, and himself a great grandson of John Norwood found this will on record, in June 1951.

John and Catherine Norwood were charter members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, near Westville, Mississippi and both are buried in the cemetery at the church. a very peculiar fact is that there are no stones at the graves of Norwoods buried in that cemetery. Older members of the family living in the vicinity verify the fact that these graves had been pointed out to them by still older members of the family, years before.

Young Glasco, grandson of the slave Hannah and who himself died in 1951 at the age of 111 attended, and assisted in digging the graves of both his master and Catherine also, pointed out the places of the graves,

John and his wife Catherine were the parents of fourteen children, all grew up and married in Simpson or Rankin Counties. But there is not a person living in either county today named Norwood, but several descendants of other names. On other pages in order will be found names of these descendants as far as it has been possible to secure them.

John and Catherine Norwood had issue,

4 Joseph Norwood
m
Elizabeth Brown
issue

Following the War between the States Joseph moved with his family to East Texas in the vicinity of Rusk, Texas, very little was learned about them.

5 John Calvin Norwood

5 Charles Knox Norwood

5 Willis Norwood

5 Columbus Norwood

5 Margaret Louisia Norwood

5 Julia Norwood

5 Martha Ann Norwood b Jan. 22, 1845 d 1942
m first in Mississippi
D.S. Bronson

4. Isaiah Norwood

m

Mandy Magee

All the children of Isaiah and Mandy Magee Norwood married in Simpson County and an extended research would possibly located many of their descendants.

issue

5 Margaret Norwood

m

---------Barnes

5. Katherine Norwood

m

Jerry Ryan

5 Mary Jane

m

Jesse Lott

5 Jefferson Norwood died during War between States unmarried.

5 Robert Norwood

m

-------- Wethersby

5 Caroline Norwood

m

---------Rodgers.

5 Susan Norwood

m

---------Evans

Martha Norwood

m

-------Speed

5 Florence

5 Ellen

m.

---------Rodgers

5 Isaac

-----m-------Cook

The following are grandchildren of Isaich and Mandy Magee but not sure of parent.(Could be they were children of Catherine and Jerry Ryan)

6 Tom Ryan

m

Minnie Magee

6 Olive Magee Mississippi

m

Burnham

6 Addie

m

F.A. Weaver Magee Mississippi

6 Claudie

m

George Garner

6 Edd Ryan

m

Amanda Williams.

4 Jesse Norwood

m

Eliza Enochs b-1828 dau. Mary Steen 1792 - d. 1848 & Judge J. R. Enochs. b. N.C. 1795 - d. 1872

issue

5 Eliza Norwood

5 John Norwood

5 George Norwood

No further information concerning Jesse and his wife Eliza Enochs Norwood.

4 Mary Norwood b Sept. 14, 1817 d 1900 in Mississippi

m About 1854

Willis Magee b 1818

issue

5 Owen Magee b December 16, 1855

m December 24, 1878 Westville, Mississippi

Virginia Stamps b April 12, 1858

issue

6 Leslie W Magee b Oct. 28, 1880 Mendenhall, Miss

m July 21, 1920

Emma Brown b July 1901

issue

7 Willis F. Magee Mendenhall, Miss.

7 Robert S. Magee

m

Lydia ---------

7 Eva Magee

m

W.H. Ellzy

issue

8 Jimmie Ellzy

8 Billie Ellzy

7 Evelyn Magee

m

D.E.Smith

7 Leslie W. Magee, Jr. b 1931

7 Marshall Owen Magee

7 James Truett Magee b 1941

The following are children of Mary Norwood and Willis Magee but nothing of them is known, only who they married.

5 Louisa Magee

m

John Covington

5 Sarah Magee

m first David Clark second marriage J.W. Derryberry

5 Elizabeth Magee

m

C.N. Floyd

5 Harriett Magee

m D.G. Hays

5 W.L. Magee

m Mellissi Tullos

5 Robert Magee

4 Sallie Norwood

m

Calvin Barnes, who died just about the close of War between the States

issue

5 Catherine Barnes never married m Lipp, TX

5 John Barnes never married

5 Harriett Barnes These three children of Sallie Norwood Barnes moved to Alexander, Texas. All are deceased and are buried ~~there~~ as is her only son-in-law Robert Coor.

m 6 Sun Chas R. Coor 209 Bryan St, Dublin, Tex

Robert Coor

These buried new cemetery Dublin, Tex

4 Ellie Norwood Elias Warren b Nov. 7, 1822 d May 14, 1906 Plant City, Florida

m

Elizabeth Henby d 1898 Plant City, Florida

issue

5 Catherine Norwood d at the age of 17

Descendants of Ellis and Elizabeth Henby Norwood continued.

5 Joseph Norwood died in infancy

5 Marguerite Norwood died in infancy

5 Lou Norwood both deceased while very young parents.

m

William Cain

issue

6 Bessie Cain Died when a very small child

6 Alice Cain Greenwood, Miss.

m

Sam Houston Guess, Sr.

issue

7. Sam Houston Guess, Jr. Vicksburg, Mississippi

m

Dorothy -------

7 Louise Guess Monroe, Louisiana

m

J.T. Richardson

7 Sarah Catherine Guess Greenwood, Miss.

5 Robert Warren Norwood b 1860 d 1947 Plant City, Florida

m

first Lou Wheeler

second Rose Hicks

Robert Warren Norwood wrote me the Warren in his name was for the Warren in the name of his great grandmother Mary Warren, wife of Capt. John Norwood. (Author)

issue

6 Cleo Catherine Norwood

m

James Arthur Burney

John Newton Norwood died while a very young man.

5 Albert Norwood

m

Fa nnie Myers

issue

6 Minnie Norwood deceased

6 Lewis Norwood Miami, Florida

6 Maude Norwood Miami, Florida

6 Julian Norwood Miami, Florida

6 Robert Norwood deceased

6 Goldie Norwood deceased

5 Mary Ellen Norwood

m

J. T. Wellows both died in Florida

issue

6 Nixon Norwood Wellows living in Georgia in 1928

5. Susan Ann Norwood both died in Florida

m

Frank Marshall

issue

6 Annie Marshall Carrollton, Mississippi

m

John Money deceased

6 Helen Marshall

m

---------Shapley

4 George Norwood b 1833 Mississippi d 1908 Simpson Co. Mississippi

m first to Sarah McIntosh

issue

5 Lottie d when a small child

5 John McIntosh Norwood never married veteran of Spanish-American War.

5 William Norwood

m

Eliza Pickering

issue

6 James Isaac Norwood Summerall, Miss.

4 George Norwood's second marriage was to Sarah Hubbard

issue

5 Emma Jane Norwood Magee, Mississippi

m

W. J. Sullivan

issue

one son and one daughter, may have been other children

4 Catherine Norwood b 1830 Simpson Co. Mississippi

never married but adopted a foster daughter who married James Walker, Mt. olive, Miss.

4 William Norwood

m

Louisa McCaskil

issue

5 Ellis W. Norwood

M

Mattie Harris

5 John Norwood

m

Winnie Fields

5 Catherine Norwood

M

Jim Harrison

5 Beulah Norwood

5 James Norwood

5 Joe Norwood

5 William Norwood

5 Scruggs Norwood

5 Emma Norwood

No further information

5 Noah Ellis Norwood d in Arcadia, Florida 1935

m Noah Ellis Norwood was a leading

Minnie Harris d 1953 Baptist preacher in the state of

issue Florida.

6 Otis Norwood died a young man

4 Martha Norwood b June 24, 1824 d June 1, 1873 Westville, Miss.

M

Joseph Wood

issue

5 Samuel James Wood

m

----------Barnes

issue

6 Mary Catherine Wood

m

_____ Ramsey

issue

7_____Ramsey

m Tipton

issue

8 a daughter

6 Mattie Wood b May 26, 1875

m First to _____ Fentor
Second to Lars Nelson

issue

7 Samuel James Fentor Sr.
issue 8 Samuel James Fentor, Jr.

8 a grandson whose parents died and

when he was very small and Mattie
Nelson reared him.

Samuel James Norwood was born Jan. 15, 1819 in Mississippi and died in the late fall time in 1888 in Lampassas at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Thayer. He was married August 12, 1847 to Caroline Massey born March 1826 in Simpson County, Mississippi on The Pearl River Plantation, owned by her father. Samuel James has built with slave labor a home for his bride near the village of Mt. Olive, Mississippi. Part of the home still stands. Samuel James Norwood was quite comfortably situated financially when he married. He was a planter using the slaves to operate the cotton farms. Also he owned the tanyard in Westville, Miss. The tax rolls for the year 1854 show Samuel James, his brother William and the father John to be among the largest slave holders in the county. To the marriage four children were born.

Samuel James Norwood did not enlist in the Army of the South until 1863 because of his government contracts to provide leather to make shoes for Southern Soldiers. When it was no longer possible to keep the tanyard in operation he enlisted in the Southern Army. During the siege of Vicksburg, Miss. in the summer of 1863 the cannonading was loud enough to be heard down on Pearl River Plantation where Caroline Massey Norwood had gone with her four small children. Fearing the ra ids of Northern Soldiers out from the battlefields at Vicksburg, she took her silver, and the most cherished valuables with the children, the negro women and one aged negro man and hid many of those forty summer nights during the siege of the city in a large cave on the river. At the time the children were suffering from whooping cough, and due to the dampness Caroline developed tuberculosis, which caused her death late in the winter of 1863. Immediately after the death of his mother the oldest son, William only 16 enlisted in the Army of the Confederacy. The youngest Norwood to fight for the beloved Southland.
June of 1865 Samuel James Norwood came home as did his brothers, nephews, his son and his neighbors to find, the slaves freed, business ruined, land

worthless. In 1867 Samuel James was married the second time to, Katherine Barron Griffin. With the family he moved to Duson, Louisiana to live on land he had bought in 1855 on the advice of his brother-in-law, Lafayette Massey who had gone to Duson, several years earlier. Manual labor in the fields did not come easy to one who had never known that sort of toil he grew discouraged and moved to Cameron, Louisiana where he lived for several years. Becoming friends with the Ott Family who were also living in Cameron. Samuel James bought land and farmed also bought the land known as the schoolhouse property, where today the court house of Cameron is built. While he lived there the daughter Kate (Katherine) was married to Charles Thayer, William left to come to Texas, and never returned to Louisiana. George also came to Texas when fifteen to join William but only stayed a year and went back to Cameron.

Due to the illness of his second wife, he returned with the two children of the second marriage in 1880 to Mississippi. For several years he made his home with his nephew, Samuel James Wood. Later joining his daughter Mrs. Charles Thayer who had moved to Lampassas, Texas. He died and is buried in the cemetery there.

4 Samuel James Norwood b Jan. 15, 1819 d in fall of 1888

m August 12, 1846 in Lampassas, Texas

Caroline Massey b March 17, 1826 d 1863, in Westville, Miss.

issue

5 William James Norwood b May 21, 1847 d Sept. 13, 1938

m Westville, Miss Dripping Springs, Texas

Ellen Maria Sorrells b Feb. 27 d Dec. 7, 1935

issue

6 Laura Emma Norwood b May 30, 1874 d Jan. 29, 1950

m

W. S. Garnett

issue

7 Paul Garnett b 1902 Driftwood, Texas

m

Nina Tschope

issue

8 Randolph Garnett

8 Gene Norwood Garnett

8 Jerry Garnett

7 Billy Garnett b 1904 d Jan. 1, 1947

m

Hattie Quick

issue

8 Billy Calvin Garnett b 1925 Dripping Springs, Tex.

m 1945

Alma Dollie

issue

9 Gary Dale Garnett

8 Dale Garnett b 1926 Dripping Springs, Tex.

m

Lois Erlene Huey

issue

9 Randy Garnett b 1950

8 Macina Garnett b 1928 San Marcos, Texas Rt. 2

m

John D. Herwig

8 Freddie Garnett b 1930 Dripping Springs, Tex.

7 Mary Lou Garnett b 1906 Driftwood, Texas

m 1925

Walter Hester

issue

8 Walter Durwood Hester b 1926 Florence, Texas.

m

Dorothy Henning

8 Mary Nadeling Hester b 1928 Austin, Tex.

m 1946

Ivor Jones

issue

9 Mary Francis Jones b 1947 August

9 Connie Sue Jones b May 1949

9 Phil Jones b 1950

6 Kathryn B. Borwood d 1912

m

Young Lawerence

issue

7 Wilma Ellen Lawerance b Nov. 2, 1908 d Aug.12,1912

7 Thelma Emma Lawerance b May 5, 1910 205 First St. Austin, Tex.

m 1936

J. R. Pena

7 Beulah Marie Lawerence b May 5, 1912 Dripping Springs Texas.

M Jan. 22, 1932

Enoch I. Needham

issue

8 Bobby J. Needham b Jan.29,1933

8 Norwood Enoch Needham bJune 18,1934

8 Shirley Marie Needham b Apr.28,1938

8 Peggy Ann Needham b Sept. 23,1941

8 J. Cecil Needham b. Jan. 6,1946

8 Eddie Bill Needham b Oct. 9,1943

8 Minnie Kathleen Needham b Apr.15, 1948

8 Cherry Jane Needham b Apr.5,1950

6 Rosie Loo Norwood b Aug. 17 d. June 11, 1880

6 Samuel James Norwood b Jan. 9, 1882 Humble, Texas

m

Clair Tombaugh

issue

7 Scott Norwood b Nov. 13, 1917 Humble, Texas

m 1943

Colen Pope

issue

8 Scottie Anetta Norwood b April 1944

8 Byron Norwood b 1950

6 Minnie Ethel Norwood b Oct. 8, 1884 d Sept. 13, 1941

m

first Arthur Williams
second J. A. Foster

6 Vina Norwood b June 25, 1888 Dripping Springs, Texas

6 William Douglas Norwood b May 21, 1894

m

Marjorie McCuistion 3000 Speedway, Austin, Texas

7 Mary Ethel Norwood b Jan. 29, 1925 4112 Hampshire Blvd.
Fort Worth, Texas

m First 1943 Second 1947

Al Cunningham deceased 1944

issue

8 Johnnie Cunningham b June 1944

C. D. Gibson

8 Gwin Gibson b 1948

8 Jack Gibson b Feb. 1951

5 Katherine Norwood b April 1, 1850 Westville, Miss. d 1941 Houston, Texas

m about 1875 Cameron, Louisiana

Charles Thayer

second marriage was to Charles Griffin.

The second son of Samuel James Norwood and his wife Caroline Massey Norwood was George Ellis Norwood born August 10, 1859 in Westville, Mississippi. George barely remembered his mother and the siege of Vicksburg, with the mother and children hiding in the cave was about all he could remember of the War between the States.

When he was fifteen George left Louisiana and came to Texas, coming by boat to Galveston and then to join his brother William who was in business in Round Rock, Texas. He only stayed in Texas a year, going to Mississippi, to Westville for a few months then back to Cameron, La. Operating for a time a fishing boat on Calscieu River.

His sister Mrs. Thayer's nearest neighbors, the Ott Family were planning to move to Texas and Having once been out to Texas and came back to tell the story, George Norwood was invited to make the trip with their party. In April 1880 they left Louisiana reaching Eastland, Texa s late in June. George Norwood left the party at Eastland and went to South Texas securing employment with Ike Pryor Cattle Interest, while in that employ he made two trips over the famous Chisolm Trail driving cattle to market.

In 1883 George came to Milam County and bought land and began to farm raising cotton on the rich black soil. But George Norwood had not forgotten the daughter, of his friends, the Ott's learning that they were living in Erath County, he renewed his friendship with the family. Finding the ten year old Lily that he had known these years before now grown into a young woman George began making the trip up to Erath County quite often for visits with his old friends. On Dec. 23, 1890 George Ellis Norwood and Lily Ott were married just as Lily had said from the time she was able to talk, "When she got grown up she was going to get married to George Norwood."

They went to Milam County to live on the farm that George owned there. A son was born and died there. Due to the illness of his wife George Norwood moved to Erath County in 1892, buying land and settling near the Ott Family.

Ten years they lived there a busy, thrifty life, buying land, raising cotton and cattle.

Again in 1902 George Norwood and Lily made another move, feeling that there were to be more advantages for the growing family he bought a larger farm in Eastland County, half way between Eastland and Ranger. In 1907 ever zealous for the best for his children bought a farm at the city limits of Eastland that his children might have the advantage of the best school offered in the vicinity. That was the last move for George and Lily Norwood for he died Jan. 20, 1910. His wife survived less than ten years. Both were members of Baptist Church and both are buried in the Cemetery at Eastland, Texas.

George Norwood grew up in the bitter reconstruction era, when there was no money for the education he wanted so much, but because of his wide reading he became a self-educated man, built after a democratic pattern. But he was an intense individualist he demanded an elevated standard of conduct in business and society which at times separated him from his fellows as completely as if he had been a titled aristocrat. A most reserved man he seldom mentioned his a cts of beneficience but spoke with freedom about losses he had incurred.

5 George Ellis Norwood b Aug. 10, 1859 Westville, Miss. d Jan. 20, 1910
Eastland, Texas

m Dec. 23, 1890

6 Lily Ott b Sept. 30, 1869 Cameron, La. d Sept. 14, 1919
Plainview, Texas

issue

6 A son b Oct. 16, 1891 Davilla, Tex. d Oct. 22, 1891

6 Effie Norwood b Feb. 15, 1893 Erath Co. Tex.
4343 Buena Vista, Dallas 5, Texas

m Dec. 23, 1913 Eastland, Texas.

Henry O. Jones, Sr. b Dec. 5, 1888 Enterprise, Ala.

issue

7 Norwood W. Jones b Nov. 1, 1915, Dallas, Texas.
239 Harmon Drive, San Antonio
Texas.

m Nov. 8, 1948, San Antonio, Tex.

Dorothy S. Williams b Nov. 7, 1916 Scotland, Ark.

(Son Alfred Williams b Nov. 11, 1940)

7 Billie Jeanne (Wilda Allene) Jones b Feb. 10, 1917
in Dallas, Texas. 4201 Birchman, Ft. Worth, Tex.

m Nov. 18, 1938, Dallas, Texas

Hubert G. Buchanan b Dec. 26, 1910, Delhi, La.

7 Henry O. Jones, Jr. B Dec. 29, 1919 Dallas, Tex.
168 Chevy Chase, San Antonio, Tex.

m Feb. 15, 1942, Lancaster, Texas.

Jennie Lou Hubbard b Sept. 26, 1922

issue

8 Henri Elisse Jones b Jan. 31, 1943
at Dallas, Texas.

6. Oscar Norwood b March 18, 1896 Erath Co. Tex. Olden, Texas

m March 28, 1917 Eastland, Texas.

Nelle Cotton b Aug. 25, 1891 at Eastland, Texas.

issue

7 Nelle Norwood b March 11, 1918 Eastland, Tex.
address 209 Cardon Drive, El Paso, Texas.

m

Jack Scott b Lake Charles, Louisiana

7 Sammie Norwood b. Oct. 29, Duncan, Oklahoma. Olden, Tex.

6 Dewey Norwood b April 26, 1898 d Dec. 31, 1900 buried Davidson cemetery Erath Co. Texas.

6 Lela Norwood b Sept. 5, 1900 Erath Co. Tex. 10568 Dunleer Dr. Los Angeles, Calif.

m April 1920, Amarillo, Texas

E. E. Finklea Sr. Feb. 14, 1889 d April 5, 1938 Amarillo, Texas.

issue

7 E.E. Finklea b Feb. 22, 1921 2106 S. Atlanta, Tulsa, Okla.

m Los Angeles, California 1941

Elaine Kellum

issue

8 E.E. Finklea, Jr. b Dec. 16, 1942

8 James Norwood Finklea

8 Ellen Jane Finklea b Dec. 30, 1950

7 Cyd Finklea b March 8, 1922

m first Oct. 1939 second June 1947

Nicco Charrisse Tony Martin

issue

8 Nico Charrisse, Jr. b May 7, 1942

Tony Martin, Jr. b Aug. 28, 1949

6 Tula Norwood b Nov. 20, 1903 Eastland, Tex. 2120 Hayden, Amarillo, Tex.

M Nov. 20, 1924, Amarillo, Texas

W. H. Van Shaw b June 27, 1895 Maybank, Texas

issue

7 Gaynor Norwood Van Shaw b. Sept. 3, 1925 Amarillo, Texas

m Nov. 20, 1947, Amarillo, Texas.

James Seewald Guleke b August 2, 1922

issue

8 James O. Guleke b Sept. 5, 1948

8 Van Norwood Guleke b Aug. 28, 1949

8 Edward Seewald Guleke Sept. 1951

7 Martha Lee Van Shaw b Sept. 25, 1928 Amarillo, Texas.

m 1952 Amarillo, Texas Amarillo, Texas

Jack Crabtree b May 7, 1921 Blueridge, Texas

issue

8 Mark Alan Crabtree b 1953, Jan. 19

6 George Ellis Norwood b May 7, 1906 Eastland, Tex. Houston, Tex.

m Sept. 9, 1927 Sec. 1950

Nelle Ladd b 1908 Francis Johnson

issue

7 Elise Norwood b June 14, 1929 West Columbia, Texas

M Robert Semrad

issue

8 Christina Semrad b Sept. 1951

6 Cleo Norwood b May 23, 1908 Eastland, Tex. 1016 Florida Amarillo, Texas.

m Sept. 1927

Fannie Lea Phipps

issue

7 George Ellis Norwood b Feb. 1931 1016 Florida, Amarillo Texas

7 Cleo Neil Norwood b June 9, 1933 1016 Florida, Amarillo, Texas

m June 25, 1952, Amarillo, Texas

Jo Davis

issue

8 Karla Denise Norwood b March 18, 1954

Issue of Samuel James Norwood and his second wife Katherine Barron Griffin

5 Ann Norwood b April 7 1881 d Dec. 4, 1943

m first July 28, 1898, Houston, Texas

WilliamRudersdorf

issue

6 William Rudersdorf, Jr. b Jan. 17, 1900 Houston, Tex.

m July 29, 1929

Florence Wilson

issue

7 Ann Rudersdorf b Jan. 11, 1932 Houston Tex.

m April 4, 1953

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7 William Rudersdorf Jr. B July 31, 1948

6 Lena Rudersdorf b Aug. 28, 1902 Houston, Tex.

m June 1924

Charles Morris Qualline

issue

7 Charles Morris Qualline, Jr. b Jul. 1926

m

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8 Stella Rudersdorf b Jan. 29, 1905 Houston, Tex.

5 Ann Norwood Rudersdorf sec. marriage was to James Barry Sept. 11, 1910

issue

6 Ruth Barry B Dec. 15, 1912 San Antonio, Texas.

m

Jack Herring in Houston, Texas

issue of second marriage of Samuel Norwood

5 Samuel Edmund Norwood b Aug.2, 1875 Cameron, La. d Oct. 1951
Sanford, Florida

m Aug. 7, 1903 - Eastland, Co.

Lillie Mitchell b Jan. 3, 1873 Tennessee Sanford, Florida

issue

6 Norine Norwood b Feb. 8, 1904 Eastland, Tex Sanford, Florida

6 Lrine Norwood b Feb. 8, 1904 Eastland, Tex. Lake Monroe, Fla.

m May 2, 1925 Barto, Florida

Henry Tindall

issue

7 Samuel Arnold Tindall b Apr. 19,1926 Sanford, Fla.

m Aug. 2, 1947

Margaret Drew

issue

8 Samuel Russel Tindall b May 29, 1948

8 Michael Arnold Tindall b April 15, 1950

6 Charles Edmond Norwood b March 14, 1906 d Nov. 18, 1907

6 Dorue E. Norwood b March 7, 1909 Sanford, Florida

m Sept. 13, 1937

Geraldine Jones

issue

7 Paula Jene Norwood b April 7, 1942

7 Phillip Wayne Norwood b June 6, 1950

6 Rosa Lee Norwood b Nov. 17, 1913 Lake Monroe, Fla.

m August 31, 1931

Robert E. Hamilton

issue

7	Shirley Delores Hamilton	b	March 23, 1933
7	Claudet Odell Hamilton	b	March 15, 1938
7	Robert E. Hamilton, Jr.	b	June 8, 1940

2 Samuel James Norwood b 1753 Virginia d 1807 in Mississippi
(Samuel James Norwood was a private in Company of his Brother Capt. John Norwood in General Francis Marion's Brigade from Darlington District S.C.)

m about 1785 Darlington District, S. C.

~~Patty Hodges~~ Martha Waddell

issue

3 Noel Norwood b May 12, 1786

m May 3, 1806

Elizabeth Hodges

issue

4 Lemuel Norwood

m Elizabeth Winters

4 Zacharias Norwood

4 John Norwood

4 Abel E. Norwood

4 Mary Norwood

4 Emily Norwood

4 Eleanor Norwood

m

Samuel James Norwood (Eleanor Norwood and Samuel James Norwood were cousins)

3 Elias Norwood

m

Catherine Chandler b 1797 In ~~Mississippi~~ N. Carolina d June 11, 1875

issue

4 Isiah Theophilus Norwood

4 Mary Eleanor Norwood

m

Dr. Louis Perkins

4 Samuel James Norwood

m Eleanor Scott Norwood

issue

5 Ellie J. Norwood

m Mollie Boon

5 Abel John Norwood

m Clara Gaulden

5 Noel Norwood

m Eleanor Robinette

5 Mary Ellen Norwood

m ------ Simmes

Louisa C. Norwood

m ------ Watson

5 Jennie Norwood

m ------ Howell

5 Samuel James Norwood b 1853 840 Convention St. Baton Rouge, La.

m Emma Lou Smith

issue of S. J. Norwood & Emma Lou Smith

6 Irene Norwood

m ---------- Craig

issue

7 Emmett T. Craig

m ----------

8 Carolyn Irene Craig

6 Lovlie Norwood

6 Guard'n Morgan Norwood

3 Abel Norwood

3 John Norwood

3 Martha Norwood

3 Elizabeth Norwood

3 Ezekial Norwood

m Elizabeth Worthington Jan. 29, 1818

issue

4 William Samuel Norwood b Nov. 11, 1818

4 Eli Sebastian Norwood b Sept. 4, 1820

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4 Sarah Margaret Norwood b July 2, 1822

4 Martha Louise Norwood b March 12, 1824

4 Jane Elvere Norwood b Oct. 15, 1825 d March 22, 1854

4 Rufus King Norwood b Feb. 3, 1828

4 Joseph Alexander Norwood b March 21, 1830

4 David Cooper Norwood b May 15, 1932

4 Ezekell Norwood, Jr. b Jan. 16, 1835

4 Joseph Alexander Norwood

m Damaris Ingram Jan. 23, 1851

issue

5 David Ingram Norwood b Dec. 28, 1852 d Dec. 7, 1883

m Lizzie Ann Tucker Nov. 30, 1876

issue

6 David Ingram II b Dec. 7, 1877 St. Francisville, La.

6 Mrs. Ruth Norwood Hastings deceased St. Francisville, La.

6 Lucille Norwood St. Francisville, La.

5 Emily Lee Norwood b March 13, 1853 d Oct. 8, 1857

5 Alexander F. Norwood b Dec. 1854

5 Myly Lusk Norwood b July 8, 1856 d Dec. 29, 1862

5 Ambrose Foster Norwood b Jan. 19, 1860 d Aug. 5, 1861

5 Elizabeth Rebecca Norwood b Jan. 28, 1871 d July 10, 1873

5 Damaris Norwood b June 4, 1864 d Sept. 18, 1887

5 Sarah Imogene Norwood b Jan. 3, 1858

5 Joseph Alexander Norwood, Jr. b Sept. 3, 1868 d June 13, 1936

5 James Saunders Norwood b June 24, 1873

5 Gordon Lamar Norwood b Jan. 12, 1876 d Sept. 1908

4 Abel John Norwood (Gr. son of 2 Elias son of 2 Samuel)

m Amanda Bucholts

issue

5 Ella Norwood m ----- Pipes 6 daughter Amanda Pipes Davis Hammond, La.

5 Mary Norwood

5 Isaiah Norwood

5 Julia Norwood m --- Redhead 6 daughter Julia Redhead

5 Abel John Norwood, Jr.

m----

issue

6 Virginia Buckholts

2 Zachariah Borwood (Son of Theophilus Norwood first in the line)

m

issue

3 Zachariah Norwood, Jr.

3 Theophilus Norwood

3 Elizabeth Norwood

m ---------Chandler

3 Eliza Norwood

m ------ Hamilton

3 Manasses Norwood b 1796

m --- Theodore Lorenzo Dow b 1806

issue

4 Hannah Norwood

m ------ Law

4 William Norwood

m -------

issue

5 Call Norwood

issue

6 Son killed in War II

5 Lena Norwood m-----Mitchell Cocoa Florida

The last Will and Testament of John Norwood of Simpson County and State of Mississippi

First: I give and bequeath to my grandson, James M. Norwood the following negro slaves to wit: Nelly and her four children. Judy, Violet, Ann and Mahaly and their natural increase.

Second: I give and bequeath to Catherine Norwood, my daughter, my negro women. Chaney and her six children viz: Phillis, Judy, Frank, Harriet, Dicy and Fanny and their natural increase. And further, I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Norwood the West half of tract or parcel of land got of William K. Easterling.

Third: I give and bequeath to my son, George W. Norwood, my negro man. Tom and my negro boy Cyrus, and further. I give and bequeath to my son George W. Norwood, the East half of the tract or parcel of land got of William K. Easterling.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my wife, Catherine Norwood, all of the remainder of my personal property, my stock of horses, cattle and hogs, my kitchen furniture and etc., and the following described negroes to-wit: Easter, Monerva, Ned, Jerry, Tim, Old Hannah, Virginia, Moses, Cudge, Rial, Old Glasco, young Glasco, and Emily, and their increase for the term of her natural life.

Fifth: If my grandson, James M. Norwood, or my daughter, Catherine Norwood, or my son George Norwood should due before marriage, and if my wife, Catherine Norwood should survive them, then it is my will that the property hereinbequeathed to such one shall go to my wife during the term of her natural life.

Sixth: It is my will that all the property that Catherine Norwood, my wife may hold at her death under and by virtue of this will, shall be divided equally among all my children. My grandson, James M. Norwood, included and in order to so divide it, it may be sold if necessary to insure an equal division.

Seventh: I give and bequeath to my wife, Catherine Norwood, all my real estate for the term of her natural life, except that if my son George W. Norwood, should marry before my wife's death, then I give and devise to him the East half of the tract of land purchased of William K. Easterling, which I now hold in procession, and have not sold to my son, William Norwood, and it is my desire that my son, George, after his marriage shall live with his mother if she consents and they can agree, but if my wife is unwilling for my son George to live with her, then it is my desire he live somewhere else.

Eighth: It is my will that the debts due me be collected and that after all my just debts are paid that any money remaining be paid over to my wife, Catherine Norwood.

Ninth: I do hereby nominate and appoint Isaah Norwood and George W. Norwood executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this the fourteenth day of December and Domino one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight.

/ s John Norwood (Seal

Signed, sealed, and published and declared by the said John Norwood as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses, this the fourteenth day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

/s/ G. W. Walker

/s/ A. Smith

/s/ L. W. Geiger

Filed April 15th. 1876

/s/ T. L. Mendenhall

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SIMPSON COUNTY

I, T. L. Mendenhall, Clerk of the Probate Court of said Simpson County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing two pages do contain a true and correct copy and transcript of the original last will and testament of John Norwood, deceased together with the attestation of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and filing of the same in the office of the Probate Clerk of said County as the same now remains on file in the Probate Clerk's office of said county.

In testimony thereof, I have herbunto set my hand and seal of office, this the 9th day of April A.D., 1862.

/s/ T.L. Mendenhall

The will of John Norwood was filed in 1862 and the court house burned in 1872 but in 1951 the author and the Clerk L. W. Magee (a great grandson of John Norwood) found at Mendenhall, Miss., the will had been brought in in 1875 by George W. Norwood one of the executors and refiled, see Will Book No. 1

Ott Family

After an exhaustive search we are sure that our first Ott in America was, Melchoir Ott born in Switzerland and he came to America from Zurich Switzerland in 1735. Research has shown that Ott's have been in Switzerland back to the year 1000. Some of the early records show that Melchoir was married to Gertrude Schmitzer. She either died just before he came to America for Immigration records do not list her. Melchoir Ott was listed among the "Swiss Emigrants to America in the Eighteenth Century." Further records are found about him and his family in the record of the Church of the Blessed Redeemer, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Melchoir was married the second time to Barbara Zangs, a widow, in 1746, that marriage was recorded on the church record. From the marriage dates one would presume the children were of the first marriage. The members of the Ott Family were most active in the Church of Blessed Redeemer, now an Episcopal church but there is a difference of opinion, Sally, the historian of the city of Orangeburg insists the church was first Lutheran, and that it became Episcopal with the coming of the second rector, who was a nephew of the first rector.

The only records available for the county and city of Orangeburg were church records for the courthouse was burned during War of Revolution. Many of the burials of the early days were on the owner's plantation and stones were not placed or have fallen into decay or carried away and it is most difficult to trace persons from grave stone records if the burials were on private grounds. The church records show that Melchoir and his wife were buried on their own plantation.

There is an Ulrich Ott mentioned often on the church records whose wife was Barbara Orth. Ulrich is not designated as a child and it is possible that he was a nephew. Immigration records show they came from same town in Switzerland.

1 Melchoit Ott b 1698 d March 11, 1758 Orangeburg, South Carolina

m . Feb. 19, 1746

Barbara Zangs (A widow) b 1709 d March 21, 1759

Children of Melchoir Ott

2 Casper Ott

m

Mary Orth

issue

3 Baptisimal Records show one child, Mary, and a son Hans George baptized June 4, 1755

2 Esther Ott

m John Heller

2 Jacob Ott

m December 3, 1754 in the church of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Margaret Fischmer

issue

3 Jacob Ott b August 1755 d 1835 ? in Louisisna

Married about 1780 in South Carolina to

Margaret Jackson d in Louisiana.

Jacob Ott, Jr., came to Louisiana about 1805 or it is possible a year or so earlier. Search of records at Covington, Louisiana leads one to believe that the son Joel, came first to St. Tammany Parish. If they came together from South Carolina the father may have been first in St. Helena Parish. From 1807 to 1819 both father and son are mentioned often in records at court house but the Parish was divided in 1820 and Washington Parish was created with Franklinton the Parish Seat. The court house in that parish was destroyed by fire about 1893 all the early records were lost.

Jacob Ott, Jr., was baptised in December 1855 in the church of Orangeburg but in 1812 three parishes in the northeastern part of Louisiana asked to be accepted in the State Baptist Convention of Mississippi and the delegation was led by Jacob Ott, Jr., this group continued to meet with the Miss. Convention until 1818 each year Jacob Ott was in charge of the Louisiana Messengers.

The pioneer Ott's organized or established a postoffice and a mill wherever they located. The exact death date or burial place of Jacob, Jr. has not been established, but in court house at Amite there is a record of Jacob, Jr., purchasing land in 1835 and there is a record of the widow Margaret joined by her children selling the land in 1837, establishing the death date some where between 1835 - 37.

Jacob Ott, Jr., and Margaret Jackson Ott had

issue

4 Joel Ott b March 22, 1782 in South Carolina d 1879 Livingston Parish

m July 22, 1814 St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

Maria Cutrer d about 1834 Louisiana

Joel Ott was the first child of Margaret Jackson Ott and her husband Jacob Ott, Jr., he was born in South Carolina. In court house at Amite is original plat of 640 acres of land given to Joel Ott as a grant in 1813 marked for meritorious service rendered the state but was not able to find what the service rendered was. The late Judge W. L. Cutrer of Magnolia, Miss. was authority for the statement that Joel's father-in-law-- a Cutrer owned a large grant of land near that owned by Joel Ott. The mother of Joel Ott was Margaret Jackson Ott, Margaret Jackson was the cousin of Andrew Jackson who became President of the United States. When Andrew Jackson was on his way in December 1814 to take command of the American Forces at NewOrleans he spent the night with his cousin Margaret and Jacob Ott. The next morning the son Joel accompanied the General into the city to enlist in the Army. (Date of his enlistment on his papersof War 1812 is December 23, 1814 which coincides with Jackson taking command of the forces). The 16 year old son of Margaret and Jacob, Charles, went along to bring back the horses when the party reached Lake Pontchartrain and took a boat to cross into the city. The late Walter Ott of Mt. Herman Louisiana, a son of Charles, wrote that story to me.

Joel Ott was given two grants of land for his service in the War of 1812. Some time after 1820 he built a large home near Mt. Herman in Washington Parish and lived until after War between the States.

Nothing is known of Maria Cutrer, except there are large families of that name in that section of Louisiana and every genera tion of Otts and every generation of Cutrer's we find there have been marriages between the two families. Mr. Richard Cutrer of Hammond, Louisiana is authority for the statement that the Cutrer's came to America from Dieppe France at the Revocation of Edict of Nantes, while there is no definite record of that but it is most plausible for until very recently persons of that name had been found only in South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

4. Joel Ott and his wife Maria Cutrer were parents of nine children.

5 Jeptha Ott b May 16, 1815 Went to California then to Mexico, died there

5 Jacob M. Ott b August 28, 1821

5 Joseph T. Ott b Nov. 24, 1819

5 Charles H. Ott b Dec. 4, 1823 Died in Louisiana 1844 unmarried

5 Delia M. Ott b Nov. 15, 1825

5 Elizabeth Ott b Oct. 18, 1827 m Jacob Schilling

5 George Washington Ott b June 29, 1829 Silver Creek, Washington, Parish.
d Dec. 1, 1901 Erath Co. Tex.

5 Laswerance Washington Ott b May 3, 1831 d about 1885

5 Rachel Ott b Nov. 28, 1833 Tradition in the family says, she was named Rachel for the wife of Andrew Jackson. There is also a story that Rachel was at home with two or thre very small children when shortly after the noon hour, one of the children fell in the well. She jumped in, the water was not too deep and all afternoon she stood in the water holding the child up that he might not drown. The other children too small to go for aid, stood at the well curbing weeping, when the father returned late in the evening and was able to rescue his wife and child. The author is particularly interested in George Washington Ott, child of this first marriage for he is her grandfather.

George W. Ott b June 29, 1829 d Dec. 1, 1901

m Dec. 1, 1852 Pike County, Mississippi.
Mary Higgins b Sept. 12, 1832 Pointe Coupee, La. d Dec. 31, 1907
Erath Co. Texas

George Washington Ott the son of Joel and Maria Cutrer Ott born June 29, 1829 at Silver Creek in Washington Parish, Louisiana died December 1, 1901, Erath County, Texas, grew up on a plantation, the son of a well-to-do-planter, saw mill owner, and a leading citizen of his section. He was reared in a most devout home for the father was also a Baptist Minister. George was the 7th child born to his parents, the mother dying when he was only eight or nine years of age.

Late in 1849 the news of discovery of gold began to filter into the quiet Louisiana community. Soon Jeptha Ott the oldest brother began to make plans to go to California in search of gold. George filled with a spirit of adventure joined him. They elected to go by boat, going to New Orleans and securing passa ge. The sailing vessel rounded the coast of South America, after a stormy passage on the Atlantic then up the west coast of South America to California. The brothers spent a year in California searching for gold, but always the gold seemed to be just a bit further on. Jeptha becomming discouraged decided to go to Mexico in search of elusive wealth (which he found not in gold nuggets but in manufacturing harness). Young George homesick for the Magnolias and the crepe myrtle of his native state, decided to return without the gold he had made the long trip to search for. The morning he was ready to leave a friend gave him some gold nuggets and laughingly said, "Give these to your first born sob", George brought the nuggets home and remembering his promise to his friend, when his first son Murry Ott was born the nuggets were given to him, he in turn passed then on to his oldest son, Murry Ott, Jr., in whose possession they are today, a silent memorial of the long trip by sea and by land for by land George returned, walking many of the uncharted miles.

Arriving home early in 1851 George only stayed in Louisiana a few weeks and went toSummit, Mississippi to join his cousin, Frank Ott, who was established there. He became associated with the wealthy planter John McNabb at nearby Holmesville, Mississippi.

Feeling that he was a cosmopolitian, George felt he had had enough adventure to last a lifetime and was ready to settle down. He did not find it too difficult to persuade the comely young Louisiana woman who was teaching a select primary school in Holmesville, Mississippi to settle down with him and on Dec. 1, 1851, George Washington Ott and Mary Higgins were married.

Ten happy busy years passed, then came war -- civil war -- to tear apart families and friends -- to snatch as war always does the flower of the younger men from their homes a war, to bring desolation to the beloved Southland. George Ott enlisted July 8, 1862 and served until the close of the war. Enlisting at Summit, Mississippi and being discharged in April 1865 he arrived home in May 1865 to an impoverished land, his wealthy associate no longer had wealth and there was no position open with him, but there was a wife and five small children to care for. Late in 1865 they decided to move to Louisiana, the native state of both, much over the protest of their friends the McNabb's. The collection of letters written to Mary Ott by her friend Eliza Francis McNabb covering a period of twelve years attests to the friendship that existed between the two couples, a small daughter was named Eliza for Mrs. McNabb and John McNabb Ott for Mr. McNabb, the keen interest they felt for the children is shown in the letters. So close was the bond of friendship that Mr. McNabb offered if his young friend would stay in Mississippi he would make, at his death, his namesake, his sole heir. (The McNabb collection of letters is in possession of Mrs. D. Myers Guest a copy is also in the History and Archives Library, Jackson, Mississippi.) Mary's mother Maria Higgins Herrington with her family was living at Lake Charles, Louisiana and they decided to move near there.

During the next four years tragedy struck twice in the family, the small daughter, Eliza Francis, died quite suddenly, with dread membranous croup, which in that day took a heavy toll among the small children. Following the profession of his father George had secured employment in a saw-mill and was soon in charge of the large mill.

In January of 1869 George Ott lost his left hand in the saw-mill machinery. (tragedy indeed for a man who was left handed). He was offered employment by the owner of the mill to manage a lumber yard at Leesburg, Louisiana, now called Cameron. The rapidly growing sons took over the operation of the ferry over the Calscieu River, interesting is the fact that the only method of crossing the river at Cameron still is by ferry, but a far cry from the hand operated ferry of those eighty and more years ago. Twin sons were born to George and Mary while they lived near Lake Charles and three daughters while they lived at Cameron.

Again ten years went by, buffetted by tropical storms, mosquitos, chills and typhoid fever, with an occasional yellow fever epidemic and the pressure of five growing sons who were anxious to cast their lot in Texas with its wide open spaces, no storms, at least with floods of water, and rumor had it no mosquitoes and no chills. George began to investigate opportunities in that state. A letter in possession of Mrs. D. Myers Guest, written by Mary to her daughter Laura, visiting in Lake Charles two months before the move reveals that Mary Ott was not too enthusiastic about the move to Texas.

On April 15, 1880 the farm at Leesburg sold, final goodbys to the relatives said two new wagons and four horses bought with the two faithful yokes of oxen, George and Mary Ott with their nine children, one son-in-law, Joe Myers, husband of the daughter Laura. Mary's half-brother Wesley Herrington and a young friend and neighbor, George Ellis Norwood, the party left on the long treke to Texas. Breckinridge, Stephens County, as their destination. The party reached Eastland, Texas, June 25, 1880, nine weeks from the time they started.

Grading for Texas Pacific Railroad was being done at Eastland, with the track laid as far as Weatherford, Texas. Many of the people in the camps at Eastland were ill with measles, only George Ott in the party of fourteen had had measles. Here they learned there was not a railroad in Stephens County and Breckenridge was 30 miles from the new Texas and Pacific railroad under construction. Back some thirty-five miles they had camped for several days, there was a

good well of water and it was a hot dry summer in Texas with a scarcity of water. The settlers living nearby had been most gracious to them and the party decided to return to the site of the well. George Norwood left the group in Eastland and thirteen went back to settle in Erath County.

They pitched their tents and built an oven to cook the food out of doors, in the tent July 20, 1880 the first grandson, William Myers was born to Laura Ott and Joe Myers. Soon they bought land, logs were cut to build the large log house and by the time the grass was green again George and Mary Ott had made their last move.

Even now stories are still told to the great great grandchildren of that long trip, the hunting and the fishing, the killing of deer a nd wild turkey. The story of the run away ox team, many a small boy in the family feels sure he was born years too late.

It is never an easy matter to attempt to evaluate the lives of individuals but we do check some of the highpoints in the lives of that couple married one hundred and two years ago. While they lived in Leesburg, La., with her own growing family and rather meager circumstances Mary offered the hospitality of her home to the two motherless daughters of their friend, Captain Reynolds. For several years they were cared for in the Ott home. Very shortly after they settled in Erath County through circumstances beyond her control the wife of the gracious settler found herself and two tiny daughters penniless. Again George and Mary Ott opened their home to one in need, and for more than a year she found shelter there.

More than fifty years have gone by but not one who was there can ever forget that death bed scene when George Ott came up to meet his God. The beautiful act of committing to God each child and each grand child, giving them his own blessing as they passed by. Priviloged to read the fly leaves of Mary Ott's Bible makes one feel as though they are on hallowed ground, such is the outpouring of a soul who walked so close to God for so many years. Both were members of Methodist Churchand both are buried in Davidson Cemetery.

6 John Ott the surviving son of George and Mary Ott tells the story that he remembers of the War between the States when the Siege of Vicksburg was on and the reports of raiding parties of Northern soldiers were being told in their community how his mother having some beautiful silk frocks and thinking to protect them if the house was ransacked and burned, placed the dresses in a trunk and carefully buried the trunk in the smokehouse. For some reason the door was not securely fastened and the next morning they found that a large bunch of hogs had gotten into the smoke house and rooted up the trunk with the dresses in it.

Following are listed the decendants of George and Mary Ott.

6 Laura Maria Ott b Sept. 8, 1853 Holmesville, Miss. d July 18, 1948 Strawn, Texas.

m August 17, 1879 Cameron, Louisiana

Joseph F. Myers b Dec. 19, 1857 Franklin, Louisiana, d Dec. 9, 1924 Strawn, Texas

issue

7 William Henry Myers b July 20, 1880 Erath Co. Tex. d Oct. 27, 1948

m November 18, 1903, Eastland Co. Wichita Falls, Texas Texas.

Zilla Hardin b 1880

issue

8 Ila G. Myers b August 27, 1904 209 Sunset, Longview, Tex.

m

Tom Cook

8 Fay Myers b March 16, 1916 209 Sunset, Longview, Tex.

7 George W. Myers b Jan. 30, 1883 d March 2, 1885

7 Rosella Myers b April 26, 1885 d Jan. 7, 1939 Strawn, Texas.

m Jan. 12, 1908 - Erath Co. Texas

Rufus H. Tanner b Feb. 21, 1884 Pt. Arthur, Texas. d June 28, 1953 - Flomot, Texas

issue

8 Edna Lucille Tanner b March 30, 1909 Flomot, Tex.

m June 12, 1927, Flomot, Texas

James Earl Monk b June 7, 1908

issue

9 Edna Earl Monk b Jul. 28, 1928 d Jul. 28, 1928

9 Calvin Welton Monk b Sept. 22, 1929 Arizona

m June 17, 1951

Shirley Pope

issue

10 Jendy Sue Monk b Feb. 13, 1952

9 Ava Nell Monk b April 1, 1951

m August 10, 1950

Gene Pope

issue

10 Randy Pope b March 19, 1952

9 Beryl Wayne Monk b July 4, 1934

m Nov. 19, 1952

Lettress Simpson

9 Rosella Estella Monk b Mar. 9, 1942

9 Milford Don Monk b April 29, 1944

8 Cecil Dale Tanner b May 4, 1910 Olton, Texas

m December 21, 1935

Winnie Grace Hughes b July 1, 1912

issue

9 Darol Alton Tanner b Sept. 18, 1936 d Sept. 30, 1936

9 gLona Dee Tanner b Nov. 9, 1945

9 Iva Janell Tanner b Feb. 21, 1948

9 Russel Hughes Tanner b Jan. 31, 1953

8 Lora Bernice Tanner b March 6, 1912 Flomot, Texas

m 2nd. April 27, 61 Clayton Bond.

m July 27, 1932

Morris lamb Gates b April 26, 1910

issue

9 Weldon Ivan Gates b August 8, 1935 Flomot, Texas

8 Lois Evelyn Tanner b Sept. 20, 1913 Hull, Texas

m December 24, 1940

William Kermit Beasley B November 16, 1910

issue

9 Kermit Elvin Beasley March 13, 1942

9 Zona Faye Beasley b June 26, 1944

9 John Herbert Beasley b Sept. 20, 1950

8 Arthur Milford Tanner b March 30, 1917 Wichita Falls, Texas

m Bettye Hicks on Dec. 10, 1944 b June 2, 19 ____

9 Douglas Wayne Tanner b Feb. 15, 1946

9 Billy Tanner b Nov. 7, 1947

9 Gary Dale Tanner b June 14, 1949

9 Ronald Lynn b August 1, 1950

8 Miriam Alice Tanner b May 3, 1922 Cameron, Texas

m Feb. 27, 1938

Leo Jackson b March 5

issue

9 Myrna Gail Jackson b October 22, 1939

m. Aug. 1966 Jesse Kirk

7 Ruby Laura Myers b Feb. 26, 1987 Blythe, California

m Jan. 16, 1916 Erath Co. Texas

Jason Ivey

issue

8 Camille Ivy b August 7, 1916 Blythe California

Twin brother died same day born

8 Lester V. Ivey b March 18, 1916 d April 9, 1945

8 Annie Laura Ivey b August 18, 1919 Blythe, California

m

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issue

9 Dearl Francis Bliss b Oct. 12, 1953

8 Eva Joe Ivey b Dec. 7, 1925 Detroit, Michigan

m March 27, 1944

Michael James Maloney

issue

9 Michael James Maloney, Jr. b April 27, 1945

9 Timothy Patrick Maloney b Sept. 30, 1946

8 Mary Ruth Ivey b June 2, 1929 Blythe, California

m Jan. 30

Floyd Dunegan

7 Lily D. Myers b July 2, 1889 Strawn, Texas

m May 11, 1916 Thurber, Texas

Ira D. (Sank) Guest d December 12, 1942

7 Joel J. Myers b March 2, 1891 d December 27, 1942

7 Murry R. Myers b Sept. 10, 1893 Strawn, Texas

7 Charles Arthur Myers, Sr. b Aug. 3, 1895 Refugio, Texas

m Feb. 2, 1924

Lovie Isley

issue

8 Charles A. Myers, Jr. B Dec. 31, 1924 Refugio, Texas

m Feb. 7, 1944

Lillian Culpepper

issue

9 Doris Ann Myers b April 22, 1948

9 Charles A. Myers, III b Feb. 14, 1951

8 Jimmie L. Myers b March 22, 1926 Refugio, Texas

m

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issue

One son

8 Bobbie Joe Myers b May 15, 1930

7 Ivey H. Myers b Jan. 28, 1898 Hamlin, Texas

m Feb. 2, 1924

Vesta McAlpine

issue

8 Wilma Rae Myers b Sept 2, 1926

m

Fritz Huffman April 20, 1946

issue

9 Anna Margaret Huffman b Oct. 29, 1947

9 Mary Jane Huffman b Jan. 30, 1951

6 Murry Robert Ott b Dec. 19, 1854 Holmesville, Miss. d March 16, 1908 Strawn, Texas

m Dec. 10, 1884 - Eastland Co., Texas

Mattie Tanner b May 7, 1863

issue

7 Georgia Ott b Nov. 29, 1885 Strawn, Texas

m Jan. 18, 1905 Eastland Co. Texas.

James T. Hardin

issue

8 Lelia Hardin Klamarth Falls, Ore.

m

-------- Jackson

issue

9 Wanda Jackson b Jan. 13, 1927

9 Clifford Melton Jackson b. Aug. 24, 1929 South Carolina

8 Agnes Hardin

m

---------- Huff

issue

9 Neil Ross Huff b November 28, 1933

7 Murry Ott, Jr. b Oct. 4, 1889 Strawn, Texas.

m 1916

Melia McCallistar Strawn, Texas

7 Earl Ott b October 8, 1893 Strawn, Texas

5 Lawrence Washington Ott b May 3, 1831 d about 1[illegible]

m

Sophia ---------- who died after 1902

Issue six daughters - there were no sons - These records were also secured in 1927 - have no later material.

issue

6 Louisiana Ott

m

---------- Rails

issue

7 Willie Rails

7 Lucy Rails

m

Rafe Millers

7 Johnnie Rails

m

Tomas Miller

7 Eso Rails

7 Otto Rails

7 Lola Rails

7 Jasper Rails

7 Weston Rails

7 Lanson Rails

in 1927 there were 16 grandchildren of Louisiana Ott Rails, but no names known.

6 Miriam Ott

m

Henry James

issue 7 Carrie James
m
Henry Bond

7 Winnie James
m
Andrew Painter

In 1927 Mariam Ott James had 6 grand children but no names known.

6 Mamie Ott b Feb. 2, 1872 Cameron, La. Phoenix, Arizona

m Jan. 31, 1892 Erath Co. Texas

Samuel P. Shackleford b July 26, 1870

issue

7 Samuel Earl Shackleford b August 5, 1894 Santa Paula, California

M June 1926

Helen Purcell

7 George Everett Shackleford b Jan. 19, 1897 Yuma, Arizona

m June 1927

Esther Anderson

7 Grace Winnie Shackleford b Oct. 21, 1898 Phoenix, Arizona

m Jan. 14, 1928 Phoenix Arizona

John R. Sandy

issue

8 Bonnie Joan Sandy b August 1, 1929

m

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7 Bonnie Elizabeth Shackleford b July 3, 1900 Phoenix, Arizona

m August 30, 1919 Phoenix Arizona

Ivan Max Greenfield

issue

8 Richard R. Greenfield b Sept. 22, 1922 Phoenix, Arizona

m December 24, 1945

Florence Louise Ensminger b Feb. 11, 1922

issue

9 Vickie Louise Greenfield b Jan. 15, 1947

9 Richard R. Greenfield, Jr. b Oct. 22, 1948

6 Maggie Randolph Ott b Feb. 8, 1876 Cameron, La. 715 W/10, Corvallis, Oregon
d April 29, '61

m 1893 Erath Co. Texas

Nathan William Webb b Sept. 20, 1868 d Dec. 6, 1921

issue

7 Juanita Webb b 1895 144 S/10 Coos Bay Oregon

m 1913 Tidewater Oregon

Dainey Day

issue

8 Flora Day 144 S. 10 Coos Bay, Oregon

m 1952

Ted Martindale

8 James Day Sacramento, California

m .....

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8 Gerald Day b 1918

m

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issue

9 Lotilee

8 Imogene Day

m

C.C. Crowley

7 George Wesley Webb b March 15, 1896 Erath Co.Tex.
d 1961 Corvallis, Ore.

m

Sadie Christine Wells b April 16, 1904

issue

8 Eugene Alan Webb b July 5, 1930
8 James Wesley Webb b Aug. 8, 1932

7 Oleta Webb b July 20, 1909 Erath Co. Texas Box 1383 Sacramento, California

m July 6, 1935

James Braxton Hedric b May 20, 1901 Tennessee

7 Oswald West Webb b November 28, 1913 Tidewater, Oregon, Shreveport, La.

m

Louise Edna Kirschner b Oct. 21, 1921

issue

8 Bonnie Lee Webb b July 31, 1946

8 Gary West Webb b Feb. 23, 1949

7 William Kearney Webb b May 30, 1917 715 N/10th St., Gorvallis, Oregon

6 Henry Baxter Ott b July 1857 Holmesville, Miss. d Dec 20,1902 Strawn, Texas

m Dec. 10, 1884 Eastland Co. Texas

Mary Adeline Tanner b May 14, 1886

issue

7 Jessie Della Ott b Dec. 11, 1885 5131 Del Norte Sacremento, California

m Sept. 16, 1903 - Erath Co. Texas

Wiley Quitman Ivey

Issue

8 Ruby Ura Ivey b June 17, 1904 1147 First St. Long Beach, Calif.

m July 5, 1926

Russel Newton Landress

sons

9 Stanley Darrell Landress b Jan. 7,1932 1147 First St. Long Beach, Calif.

9 James Clovis Landress b May 31, 1933

8 Vera May Ivey b July 28,1906 5151 Del Norte, Sacrimento, Calif.

m 1940

Glenn Clarence Hurtgen d Feb. 1952

8 Willard Henry Ivey b April 9, 1910 Long Beach, California

m

Loretta Whitacre

issue

9 Joyce Lynn Ivey b Jan. 30, 1948

9 Debra Lou Ivey b Nov. 3, 1950

7 Guy Lenwood Ott b Nov. 27, 1988 Bethsedia, Md.

m Dec. 1919

Lavelle Miller

issue

8 Maxine Ott b April 21, 1920 Washington, D.C.

m

Orr Reynolds

issue

9 Carolyn Reynolds b Nov. 23, 1947

8 Maurine Ott b April 7, 1921 St. Petersburg, Fla.

m

Fredrick Wyvon Tolar

6 John McNabb Ott b Jan. 28, 1860 Holmesville, Miss Mingus Texas

m April 18, 1889

Laura Clayton Smith b Sept. 29, 1865

issue

7 Pansy Ott b April 11, 1890 Mingus, Texas

7 Cora Ott b Nov. 7, 1895 Mingus, Texas

7 Ray Ott b Jan. 13, 1903 Mingus, Texas

m Feb. 14, 1947 Stephenville, Texas

Lena Narratta b Nov. 12, 1918

issue

8 Margaret Lyndol Ott b Nov. 20, 1951

6 Eliza Francis Ott b 1863 Holmesville, Miss d 1866 Calscieu Parish, La.

6 James Higgins Ott b Sept. 16, 1866 Calsieu Parish, La. d Jul. 16, 1928, Wichita Falls, Texas

m March 28, 1889

Sarah Millican b March 10, 1873 at Palestine, Texas

issue

7 Irene Ott b April 11, 1891 Wichita Falls, Texas

m Jan 9, 1913

George Bock

issue

8 Ireta Bock, Mar. 24, 1914 Wichita Falls, Texas
m W. L. Rolldiger

8 George Bock, Jr. Jul. 12, 1918 Wichita Falls, Texas

m Deloris Theare

issue

9 George A. Bock, III

9 Richard Ott

8 Billie Ott Bock Wichita Falls, Texas

b Aug. 3, 1920

m

Dolores Ouida

issue

9 Linda Gayle Ott b Nov. 29, 1947

7 Sadie (Ireta) Ott b Dec. 30, 1897 Wichita Falls, Texas

m Nov. 29, 1924

James B. Brent b Washington D.C. July 6, 1899

issue

8 Jimmie B. Brent, b Aug. 13, 1930 Wichita Falls, Texas

m Nov. 7, 1953

Gerald D. Skidmore

8 Billie Ott Brant b Oct. 5, 1931 Wichita Falls, Texas

m Jan 12, 1951

James W. Burleson

issue

9 Tina Kay Burleson b March 24, 1953

6 Joel Marshall Ott b Sept. 16, 1866 Calscieu Pa. La., D Feb. 17, 1926 Mingus, Texas

m Feb. 11, 1890

Jessie Mary Price b Jan. 12, 1868 d Aug. 12, 1907 Mingus, Texas

issue

7 Edith Lee Ott b August 16, 1895 Bisbee, Arizona

m 1915

Daniel Houston McCollister b Nov. 1, 1887

issue

8 Kenneth Price McCollister b Feb. 16, 1916 Bisbee, Ariz.

m

Mildred Pauline Lavish

7 Ivan Cutberth Ott b May 11, 1897 Bisbee, Arizona

m Oct. 28, 1925

Bertie Lee Roe b March 6, 1897

7 Elvis Ott b April 18, 1900

m Feb. 27, 1930

Vara Guest b Sept. 13, 1906

7 Ernest Ott b April 18, 1900 Cisco, Texas

m Nov. 4, 1921

Velma Roberson b Jan. 28, 1903

issue

8 Recil Royce Ott b Jul. 13, 1927 Ranger, Texas

m

Irma Christine Kyler B Aug. 25, 1930

issue

9 Marylin Joyce Ott b Oct. 7, 1948

9 Debra Ott

9 Randy Ott b 1952

8 Rayma Doyce Ott b Sept. 7, 1929 Cisco, Texas

m Feb. 26, 1949

Lora Ann Weldon b Nov. 2, 1932

issue

9 Terry Lee Ott b March 12, 1954

6 Lily Ott b Sept. 30, 1869 Cameron, La. d Sept. 14, 1919 Eastland, Texas

m Dec. 23, 1890 Erath Co., Texas

George Ellis Norwood b August 10, 1859, Westville, Miss d Jan. 20, 1910 Eastland, Texas

issue

(Descendants of this union will be found in Norwood section.

6 Georgia Ott

m

------ Singleton

7 Ethel Singleton

m

Burt Knight

7 Myrtle Singleton

m

Roy Magee

7 Archie Singleton

7 Murry Singleton

7 Ivie Singleton

in 1927 Georgia Ott Singleton had six grand children but names of none known.

6 Laura Ott

m

- - - Self

issue

7 Lena Self

7 Meline Self

7 Alma Self

7 Roddy Self

7 Sam Self

6 Mary Ott

m

------Riley

issue

7 Fred Riley

7 Chester Riley

7 Jewel Riley

7 Saxon Riley

7 Merton Riley

6 Lizzie Ott

m.

--------Morris

issue 7 Volder Morris
m.
Lucius Wilks

7 Reid Morris
m
Tolma Miller

7 Fannie Morris

5 Elizabeth Ott b October 18, 1827 near Mt. Hermon, La.

m

Murry Schillings

issue

6 Jacob Murry Schillings

m Feb. 22, 1877

Melissie ----------

issue

7 John Francis Schillings

7 Minnie Belle Schillings

m

J. A. Seale

issue

8 Culen Seale

7 Firmon Shirk Schillings

7 Alma Schillings

m

Eulit Burch

issue

8 Geraldine Burch

8 Holvart Burch

7 Alfred M. Schillings

7 Mary Ola Schillings

m

David J. McMillan

Issue

8 Wallie McMillan

m

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issue

9 Nonnie McMillan

8 Ethel McMillian

m .....

-------Alford

9 Dorthea Alford

8 May McMillian

m . . . . .

----------Elzey

issue

9 Catherine Ellzey

8 Loyd McMillian

8 Rhoda McMillian

8 Ora McMillian

8 Velma McMillian

8 D.J. McMillian, Jr.

8 Nadine McMillian

8 Evon McMillian

7 Ruby Schillings

m

Preston Goings

issue

8 Wilford Goings

8 Roy Brown Goings

8 Florence Goings

7 Luther O. Schillings

m

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issue

8 Modena Schillings

8 Everett Schillings

8 Evely Schillings

8 Robert Schillings

8 Lavelle Schillings

8 Luther O. Schillings, Jr.

This Schillings material was secured in 1927, nothing later.

4 Rachel Ott b Nov. 28, 1831

3 Joel Ott married second time to Ascinthena Wallace possibly about 1937 She was from Monticello, Mississippi

issue

4 Joel Thomas Ott b July 4, 1838 d 1929

m

Winnie L. Blackwell d 1927

issue

5 Thomas Monroe Ott

5 William H. Ott

5 A. Ambrose Ott

5 James Samuel Ott

5 Lawrence Elliott Ott

5 O. Oscar Ott

5 Judson E. Ott

5 Albert D. Ott

5 Etta Mae Ott

m

------- Jones d 1935

issue

6 A son and daughter - may have been others.

These sons all married and reared families in the vicinity of Watson and Denham Springs, La. Guy Ott Dallas, Texas is a great grand son of Joel Ott

Joel Ott was a Baptist Minister

Watson, Louisiana

4 Jesse Ott b Sept. 2, 1839

4 Mary J. Ott b Nov. 24, 1841

m

------ Rodgers

4 Abraham Ott b April 22, 1843

4 Isaac Ott b April 22, 1843

m

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issue

5 John Ott

6 Rev. Albert Ott, Dallas, Texas

m

6 ------- Ott Jordan

7 Maxine Ott Jones

7 Artis Ott

5 William J. Ott b June 25, 1846

5 Sarah Ann Avis Ott b October 17, 1849

5 Cordelia C. b June 30, 1852

m

Buck Myzell

5 Ophelia Lofier Ott b June 30, 1852 d Nov. 24, 1940

m

---------- Lard

issue

6 Mary Lard Higginbotham Holden, Louisiana

m

-------- Higginbotham

issue

7 Three children

8 Six grand children

6 Edith L. Cox 262 W. Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

Three daughters Mrs. Chas. Graham, Dallas, Tex, a daughter Edith Cox.

There may have been other children was not able to locate others.

Seven sons of Joel Ott served in War of Confedercy.

4 Samuel Ott

Dr. William Ott, Fort Worth, Texas

Judge Ellis Ott, Bogoulosa, La.

Mr. Mattie Ott Gibbs, Osyka, Miss.

Theaabove are descendants of Samuel Ott the brother of 4 Joel Ott

4 CharlesOtt b 1798 South Carolina d 1867 Mt. Hermon, La.

m Dec. 11, 1828 Covington, La.

Margaret Ann Tate

issue

5 Walter T. Ott b 1850 d 1948

m

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issue

6 Alice Ott Mt. Hermon, La.

Lionel Ott, New Orleans is also descendant of this 4 Charles Ott.

4 Neomia Ott
Never married

4 Charlotte Ott

m

Virgil Varnado

There are descendants of this union at Mt. Herman, La. but was never able to secure information.

4 Sara Ott

m

——— Evans and possibly lived for a time in Monticello, Mississippi.

Jacob

Jesse The names of children of Margaret Jacobs Ott. Copies from deed records at court house at Amite, La., selling land after death of Jacob. Margaret joined by children

Brown Family

Definite data on Brown line begins with the records on file in the court house at St. Francisville, Louisiana. Although tradition in the family has always insisted that Brown was a descendant of Peter Brown the thirty-third signer of the Mayflower Compact, the research we have done bears out that fact, but the record has not been completely traced by generations.

In records at the court house in St. Francisville, West Felenciana Parish, La., is material about this line of Browns. In his own writing is an inventory prepared by Asa Brown, Sr., he says "In the month of May 1808 I was married in the City of New Orleans to Mary Baker. From then on until the death of my wife, Mary Baker, Jan. 1832 we lived on 1000 acres of land one mile from the city of St. Francisville, La." In this inventory Asa, Sr. gives a complete listing of his property, slaves, stock, lands, household goods. He lists by name his six children, but does mention that the oldest da ughter Maria, is married also the oldest son Asa, Jr.

Asa Brown, Sr., was married the second time to Mary Jane Holmes- do not know the date, but there were two children of that marriage. The second wife is buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As yet have not been able to locate the graves of Mary Baker Brown, her husband Asa Brown, Sr., and the youngest daughter, Mary Jane who died in 1844. Mary the wife died in 1832, Asa Sr., in 1843. The Rectors book of burials at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in St. Francisville shows the Rector officiating at the funeral of Mary Jane and her father (the record book does not go back as far as 1832). While a diligent search of the beautiful church yard was made for the graves stones were not found. It is possible they were overlooked, or that no stones were erected. The plat book of the cemetery only goes back to 1845. Have not as yet been able to make a search of the plantation for it is very possible, as was the custom of the day, they may have been buried in a private cemetery on their own plantation. The record does show that they were not Episcopa lians, but at that time that was the only burial place in the city.

We of the family who have been privileged to visit the cemetery at the church in St. Francisville hope that the graves will eventually be found there for we feel there is no more beautiful resting place to be found.

At the death of Asa, Sr., his son Alfred furnishes another inventory of the estate, naming the children of the first marriage but not mentioning that all but the two youngest had married. Neither was mention of the second wife and her two children found. Alfred in his inventory names the slaves, as seventy-one adults, and that his father owned 1000 acres of land in Morehouse Parish. An interesting note in this collection of papers is the many receipted bills against the estate, written with pen and ink as was the custom of the day. Particularly did we notice the receipted bill for funeral expenses of Asa Brown, Sr., Sixty-Five dollars, which was expense incurred in making the casket and for nineteen yards of velvet for lining it inside and out. That was the funeral expense for a wealthy man for not only did the inventory show that but the record from United Census of 1840 three years before his death shows him to be a well-to-do man. Evidently Asa, Sr. was a most methodical man but he does not mention relatives of either himself or his wife but designated friends to stand as next of friends for his children and to appraise his estate.

From Mrs. Elizabeth Leithead of Lake Charles, Louisiana was obtained the information that the father of Mary Baker was William and the grandfather was Amos Baker. From many sources recently has come the information that Mary's mother was an Indian Princess and her grandfather was a famous chief. It is possible that some where in her family the name Foy was a surname for we find it so often used later as a first name.

The marriage of the oldest daughter Maria Brown is shown in the record at St. Francisville, La. Nov. 27, 1829. We do not think they ever lived there but at Williamsport in Pointe Coupee, Louisiana. At one time before the War between the states the three brothers of Maria also lived near Williamsport. There in the churchyard at St. Stephens Episcopal Church is buried the first wife of the son, Asa, Jr. with her child and possibly a grandchild.

Maria Brown Higgins Harrington daughter of Asa Brown and wife Mary Baker Brown stands out as a great and strong character. Maria married the first time when she was 17. Of her early life we knowthat she was born in St. Francisville, West Felencia Parish, Louisiana. The marriage record book of St. Francisville shows she was married November 1829, interesting, the record shows that B. Marshall signed the marriage record as a witness, and the couple named the first son for that person. We do not know if they lived at any time in St. Francisville, but we presume not.

The book of poems written in longhand, now in possession of Mrs. Dee Myers Guest, Strawn, Texas was evidently written at the time she was thirty years of age. Written by a woman with a deep and keen mind, one who had suffered and who had known sorrow. Those were silent years, no one seems to know much about them, only that they lived on a plantation, for James Higgins was a planter and slave owner. In the first ten years there were four children. James Higgins who died very suddenly, a traditi. in the family says, "Possibly he was poisoned by a disgruntled slave" And in 1838 an infant son, James died, we know this from the poem written by Marie and inscribed to the memory of her son.

We have not been able to find record of where Maria was married to I.C. Herrington, the plantation overseer, very possible in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana. To this union were born nine children. Date not known but very likely in the late fifty's I.C. Harrington was thrown from a horse and suffered a broken back. He lived nine days and was buried at Williamsport, in Pointe Coupee Parish, La.

From a newspaper clipping in the possession of Mrs. D. Myers Guest at the death of Maria Herrington we learn that at the beginning of War between the States, she with her children, the children of the second marriage, was living near Lake Charles, La. The son, Joseph wishing to enlist in the Confederate Army and not caring to leave his mother out in the country moved the family into the city. There for the following thirty years Maria's life was a part of the city of Lake Charles. We do not know the story of how, but we do know that by this time the plantation, the slaves and the money were all gone.

The letter at the end of Brown Family record shows Maria had most decided opinions and did not hesitate to express them in a day when women were not so usually outspoken. Miss Mamie Reed, who is collecting material for History of Lake Charles, is authority for the following story told to her recently by an aged resident of that city. "How at one time a tropical storm was blowing into the city the mother with her tiny children was panic stricken finally she sent the small girl to ask if the neighbor, Mrs. Harrington would not come and stay with them, she was glad to come and the aged woman said the years had not erased the sense of satisfaction that came over their home when Mrs. Herrington came."

In 1952 Miss Reed, was selected to appear on radio during "Nurses Appreciation Week" to pay tribute to Maria Higgins Herrington for her work as pioneer nurse during the War between the States, when there were no Doctors left in the city and she went about lending aid wherever it was needed.

When her children were grown up she no longer kept up her home in Lake Charles but divided her time with the sons and daughters, principally with the son Marshall Higgins in Opelousas and the daughter, Nelle Herrington King in Lake Charles. In 1886 she came to Texas for a visit with the daughter Mary Higgins Ott.(Correspondence concerning the impending trip is in the collection of papers belonging to Mrs. D. Myers Guest, as is the painting of a cotton blossom. (Maria was an artist as well as a poet.) from the flower which she sent William Myers, the first Higgins great grandson to the field to get a cotton clossom for her that she might paint it exactly as the God she so devoutly worshipped had fashioned it.

Mary are the stories remembered from those told by older members of the family of that visit, unfortunately, she had timed her visit in the midst of the severe drought of 1886. Texas did not offer too much to her for it was necessary to haul all the water from Dripping Springs, and drive the cattle there for water and it was her constant worry that some morning when the grandsons went for water the springs would have completely failed.

After nine months she returned to Louisiana and on her birthday, April 14, 1893, this valiant woman of the Old South laid down her life. She was at the home of her son, Marshall Higgins, Opelousas, La. and she is buried in the cemetery near the home of her son. The letter from Marshall Higgins to his sister, Mary Ott Higgins is in the collection of papers in possession of Mrs. D. Myers Guest, Strawn, Texas. And is one still folded in the Bible of the late Albert Brown in far away Oregon, telling him of the death of his oldest sister. It seems most fitting to close this sketch of the life of Mary Higgins Herrington with the words from her pen (From collection of poems written before 1840 in possession of Mrs. D. Myers Guest.)

The Vanity of Human Greatness.

How vain alas! is human power
How fleeting human greatness too .[1]
They vanish like the tender flower.
That scarce survives the armoras dew.

The God of day beams forth on this,
Ah! that the God of Hosts invades --
The flower gives back the dew's soft kiss,
But human greatness faster fades.

Frail man has power today, like grass
Freshly to blossom and to put forth:
Tomorrow's scythe, how swift alas!
Comes and removes him from earth

Learn from these awful facts, weak man,
Humble to keep within thy sphere:
And trifle not with God's great plan
But ever wonder, love, revere.

Records of "Louisiana Confederate Soldiers and Louisiana Commands" Vol. II lists Asa Brown, Jr., enlisting in Confederate Army March 18, 1862 and died of disease Feb. 10, 1863 in a hospital at Tullhoma, Tennessee. Albert went early to the West Coast, possibly first with the searchers for gold in 1849. We do find a few years later he was operating freight wagons drawn by oxen in California and into Oregon, later becomming Treasurer of the State of Oregon and serving in both houses of the Legislature of that state. His daughter Miss Ella Brown who is 87 isliving in Portland, Oregon.

Alfred was aphysician and moved from Louisiana to Texasin 1862 while the War between the States was in progress. Two of his daughters were in school in a small catholic school in Nazarathe, Ky., they withdrew from the school in July 1862 therecords at the school show. The small school is still in operation. The Sister in charge was most gracious in searching her records as we were trying to find where Maria was educated and that school was established in 1844 had thought it possible she had also gone there. But she had not, as yet have not found where the children of Asa Baker, Sr., were educated.

The descendants of Asa Brown Sr., and his wife Mary Baker Brown are given on the following pages. Many of these are not complete and some of the clues more than fifty years we were not able to trace.

1. Asa Brown, Sr., b 1781 d Sept. 1843 St. Francisville, La.

m May 1808 In New Orleans, Louisiana

Mary Baker d Jan. 1832 St. Francisville, La.

Issue

2. Maria Brown b April 14, 1812 d April 14, 1893 Opelousas, La.

m. first Nov. 27, 1829 Sr. Francisville, Louisiana.

James Higgins

issue

3. James Marshal Higgins b 1830 d 1900 Opelouasa, La.

m Nov. 2, 1951, Woodville, Mississippi, record on file court house.

Annie Barbara Smith.

issue

4. Annie Higgins b 1852 d 1938 Opelousas, La.

4. Alice Higgins d Oeplousas, La.

4. Frank Higgins died a very young man
his twin sister was,

4. Bessie Higgins

m

-------- Botee

issue

3. Sallie Bootee Sunset, La.

m

Ormand Castille, Jr.

issue

6 Gladys Castille South Dakota.

m

_____ Row

issue

7. Four children

6. Bettie Castille

m

_____McKinney

issue

7 Two children

6. Raligh Castille Sunset, La.

m

Jean _____

issue

6 Felix Castille Killed Korean War, 1952

6 Marion Castille Sunset, La.

6 Snooky Castille Sunset, La.

6 Armond Castille Sunset, La.

4. Katie Bootie 3906 Chippewa Baton Rouge, La.

m

William Morris Foret

4 Henry Higgins

m

Lena _____

issue

5 Several chuldren daughters Helen and Barbara live in Washington - a son in Florida.

4 _____ Higgins

m

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descendants, son liveg in Baton Rouge, La.

4. Kate Higgins died a young woman, never married

4. Alfred Fay "Pat" Higgins Route 1, Box 9, Opelousas, La.

3. Mary Higgins (See information about Mary Higgins under Family).

3. George Higgins "Volume III Louisiana Confederate Soldiers and Louisisan Commands" lists the soldier George Higgins wounded in action Dec. 1863 at the Battle of Murfresboro, Tennessee. The family accepted the fact that the soldier evidently died the following day.

Sons of the older members of the family believe that he was married shortly before the War either to a Northern woman or some one from a distant state who returned to her home and contact was not kept with her.

3. An infant son, James, died Aug. 22, 1838, a poem in the collection of poems written by Maria Higgins and dedicated by her to her son, James so recently dead is authority for that statement.

Nine children were born to the marriage of Maria Brown Higgins and I.C.Herrington

3 Joseph Herrington b 1842

m

Betty Stafford

4

issue W. R. Herrington b Oct. 20, 1873 1515 Ford St. Lake Charles, La.

m 1933 Lake Charles, La.

Carrie King b 1880

4 Maggie Herrington d 1943

m

_____Tressel

4 Virgie Herrington Devers, Texas

m

_____ Devers

4 Canty Herrington Lake Charles, La.

3 Cecelia Herrington

m

Ed Simms

THERE WERE CHILDREN OF THIS COUPLE BUT NOTHING KNOWN OF THEM.

3. Maria Herrington

m

Ed Devers Nothing more known of this couple

3 Emily Herrington

3 Emily Herrington

m

Charles Hunt

issue

4 Ernestine Emily Hunt b Jan 1876 d October 1929

4 Murry Louis Hunt b Oct. 31, 1878

m Nov. 27, 1902

Louise McMillan

issue

5 Gertrude Hunt b Aug. 13, 1903 Opelousas, La. Rt.1, Box 34 D

5 James Hunt b Nov. 28, 1905 Opelousas, La. Rt.1, Box 34 D

m June 1930

Mae Vivian Richard

issue

6. Oliver James Hunt Dec. 11, 1933

6 Lydia Mae Hunt b Feb. 11, 1935

6 Marion Hunt b Feb. 2, 1937

6 Andrew Hunt b Oct. 18, 1939

6 Michael Hunt b Aug. 23, 1941

5 Barney Hunt b April 19, 1907 Opelousas, La. Rt.1 Box 34D

5 Charles Owen Hunt b March 12, 1909 Opelousas, La.

m

Lorena Richard

issue

issue

Charles Owen Hunt Sr.

6 Sylvia Ann Hunt b March 12, 1936 Opelousas, La.

6 Verna Louise Hunt b Nov. 29, 1939

6 Charles Owen Hunt, Jr. b Dec. 22, 1946

6 Barbara Joy Hunt b Feb. 21, 1951

5. Irene Hunt b May 3, 1912 Opelousas, La. Rt.1

m June 1931

Philip Burleigh

issue

6 Murry Ray Buleigh b. Jan. 9. 1935

6 Winona Marie Burleigh b Dec. 3, 1937

6 Elizabeth Anne Burleigh b Jan. 18, 1951

6 Gary Phillip Burleigh b Mar. 25, 1953

5 Mury Louis Hunt, Jr. b. Dec. 8, 1915 120 South Railroad, Opelousas, la.

m Nov. 1946

Delia Thompson

issue

6 Bonnie Alyce Hunt b Nov. 1, 1947

5 Oliver Joseph Hunt b Sept. 3, 1917 1805 Univ. Lane, Silver Springs, Apart. II, 302 Md.

m Jan. 1944

Mavis Lieto

5 Annie Louise Hunt b Oct. 25, 1920 4427 S. Tonti, NewOrleans, La.

m Feb. 1949

Hugh McKee

issue

6 Kathleen McKee b May 8, 1951

5 Margaret Hunt b Nov. 18, 1922 Raceland, La., P.O. Box 398

m Oct. 1946

Leland J. Arceneaux

issue

6 Donald Joseph Arceneaux b March 12, 1953

4 Eugent Hunt b Kinder, La.

m

Edmonia Marcantel 1909

issue

5 Whitney Hunt b 1910

m

Eve Pousson

issue

6 Whitney Hunt, Jr. b 1940

5 Effie Hunt b 1913

m first Allen Treme second Jimmie Jeansonne

issue

6 Harold b 1931

4 Gertrude Helen Hunt b Sept. 1883 d July 1900

4 Roberta Hunt b 1886 d 1907

3 Eliza Esther Herrington b Jan. 30, 1845 d Dec. 16, 1880

M Sept. 31, 1869

James Blair b July 16, 1832 d Mar. 21, 1886

issue

4 William Blair Paris, Texas

m

_____ _____

4. Eliza Maria Herrington 234 Ford St. Lake Charles, La.

m Dec. 2, 1896

Andrew James Leithead

issue

5 Albert Jennings Leithand d July 1953

5 Terrance Joseph Leithead

5 Helen Cordelia Leithand 234 Ford St. Lake Charles, La
(Her twin died in infancy)

5 Lorena Leithead

m

_____ Carver

5 Leta Leithand

m

_____ Bowden

5 James Augustus Leithead

m

issue

6 A son.

4 Ernest Blair d Oct. 29, 1879

4. James Albert Blair

4 Robert Wesley Blair d April 22, 1891

4 Joseph Henry Blair d Jan 1951

3 Wesley Herrington

m

Florida Stephens

Nothing further known of issue this marriage

3 Louis Herrington

m

Molly _____ Nothing further known of issue of this marriage.

3 Albert Foy Herrington - Was son of Maria and I. C. Herrington, when a very small boy he was stricken with an illness, evidently, what we know as polio. He was never able to walk but that did not curtail his many activities. He became a Baptist Minister, and was later County Missionary in Chambers in southeast Texas. On retirement he went to live with his neices and his nephew, children of his half brother, Marshall Higgins, Annie, Alice and Pat Higgins at Opelousas, Louisiana, he died there after a long illness cared for by the niece Annie Higgins and the great niece, Katie Bootee.

3 Nelle (Eleanor Herrington d Lake Charles, Louisiana

m 1878

Robert King

issue

4 Robert King b June 30, 1879 Lake Charles, La.

m first Jan. 1906

Sarah Asenieth King b July 15, 1877 d Jan. 17, 1917

issue

5 Velma Adriene King b Dec. 20, 1906 155 Newman, San Francisco, Calif.

m

John L. Dodge

issue

6 John Robert Dodge b July 3, 1925

6 Ruth Elaine Dodge b Oct. 19, 1931
San Francisco, Calif.

m

Gardner Strong

issue

7 Laura Adriene Strong b June 2, 1953

5 John Holcombe King b June 21, 1909

m Feb. 2, 1935

Nancy Rose Bowlin

issue

6 Sue Pat King b 1948

5 Floyd William King b Oct. 26, 1913 Seattle, Washington.

m 1940

Dorthea Beal

issue

6 Floyd William King, Jr. b Oct. 20, 1943

6 Stanley Edward King b April 9, 1946

6 Robert King II b 1950

4 Robert Kings second marriage was to

Regina Balk, Dec. 27, 1921

issue

5 Robert Joseph King b Oct. 13, 1924 Lake Charles, La.

m 1949

Beverene Rhorer

issue

6 Robert Micheal King b July 1953

4 Carrie King b 1880 1515 Ford, Lake Charles, La.

m 1933

W. R. (Cooper) Herrington b Oct. 20, 1873

4 Emma King Newton, Texas

m

_____ Wood

4 Albert King d After a long illness extending over many years.

4 Alpha King

4 Ella Brown King d 1908

4 Edd King 318 Fairview, San Antonio, Texas.

Alpha and Albert King were twins

2 Asa Brown, Jr. b St. Francisville, La. d Feb. 10, 1863 Tullhoma, Texas

m Sometime late in 1840's

Ann Sholer b April 15, 1819 d May 5, 1856 Innis, Louisiana (near Williamsport, La.)

(Ann Sholer Brown and her daughters Sarah and Josephine Amelia Brown Casey are buried in St. Stephens Church Cemetery at Innis, Louisiana. Pointe Coupee Parish)

Issue

3. Sarah b March 24, 1851 d Jan. 19, 1858

3 Mary (Mollie) Brown at one time lived at Livonia, La.

m

James R. Gayle

3 Ebenezer Cooley Brown Lived in Purcer, Lassen Co. California.

m

Letitia Thedore

issue

4 Six children

3 Rutherford Brown d at Pescadere, California about 1906

m

Ella _____ (who was an English woman).

3 Josephine Amelia Brown

m

Zodac (Zeb) Casey

issue

4 One child

2 Second wife of Asa Claxton Brown was Marguerite J. Vannoy

issue

3 Gardner Brown died unmarried

3 Eugene Brown

m

Emma Rakeman

issue

4 Margurite Brown Herring 1940 Biltmore St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

2 Alfred Foy Brown b July 4, 1820 d Aug. 15, 1870 Robertson Co.Tex.

m

Caroline Campbell b Nov. 4, 1820 near Nashville, Tenn. d Robertson Co.Tex. April 3, 1899

issue

3 Six children born to this couple died in infancy

3 Louise Brown

m

Robert Hale

issue

4 Caroline Hale Los Angeles, Calif.

m

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3 Bettie Brown b April 18, 1847 d Kosse, Texas in her 90's.

m Dec. 23, 1870

Thomas L. Curry b Aug. 16, 1833

issue

4 Maggie E. Curry b Sept. 1872 d April 13, 1943

m May 25, 1897

J.T. Tate

issue

5 Bessie Mae Tate b April 27, 1898 Denton, Texas.

m May 18, 1917

Archie Weaver

issue

6 Margaret Weaver b Feb, 11, 1928 Austin, Tex.

m

C. S. Weaver

issue

7 Rosemary Russel 8/15/42
7 Scottie Weaver 9/4/44

6 Billy Curry Weaver b Aug. 24, 1921 El Centro, Calif.

m Jan. 1942

Velma Batholomew

issue

7 Sharon Weaver b Feb. 16, 1947

6 Betty Carolyn Weaver b Aug. 23, 1928 Kohoka, Mo.

m April 5, 1946

H. C. Durham

issue

7 Rickey Durham b April 11, 1953

5 Helen Earl Tate b March 23, 1902 Jacumba, California

m

Alvin Miller

5 Margaret Debcrah Tate died at age of twelve years

4 Alfred Foy Curry, Sr. b July 26, 1874 Plainview, Texas

m November 6, 1898

Nancy Jane Dunn d 1903

issue

5 Maxine Lucille Curry b May 7, 1900 Amarillo, Texas

m July 28, 1928

G. H. Tomlinson

issue

6 Lula Ben b Sept. 19, 1919 1631 Line Bartlesville, Okla.

m Oct. 8, 1839

Melvin Cullender

issue

7 Maxine Ann Cullender Jr. b Feb. 12, 1946

6 Guy Hugh Tomlinson b June 9, 1921 1614 Parker, Amarillo, Tex.

m May 29, 1944

Francis White

issue

7 Letea Lon Tomlinson B March 13, 1949

6 Thomas Alfred Tomlinson b Dec. 9, 1922 Tyler, Texas.

m Sept. 12, 1947

Patricia Pfaff

issue

7 Susanne Tomlinson b Dec. 29, 1948

5 Maxine Curry Tomlinson second marriage July 23, 1940 to

Lucien Cameron Nesbitt

4 Alfred Foy Curry second marriage

Dec. 19, 1906

Elizabeth Arnett

issue

5 Alfred Foy Curry, Jr. b Oct. 6, 1907 Fort Worth, Texas

m Dec. 1831

Rae Potter

issue

6 Alfred Curry III b April 5, 1933

6 Timothy Cullen Curry b Sept. 18, 1938

5 Thomas Cullen (died in infancy)

5 David Nathan Curry b March 10, 1912

m Feb. 27, 1934

Edith Dean

issue

6 Elizabeth Ann Curry b Dec. 25, 1941

6 Dickie Curry (deceased in infancy)

5 Bettie Brown Curry b Aug. 17, 1937

m June 18, 1937

J. Thornton Musick

6 Betsy Musick b Dec. 4, 1938

6 Michael Curry Musick b Sept. 23, 1941

6 Marilyn Musick b Aug. 10, 1947

6 Melissa Musick b Mar. 31, 1952

5 Virginia Mae Curry b May 21. 1923

m April 9, 1944

J. E. McVicker

issue

6 Jan Elizabeth McVicker b Feb. 23, 1946

6 Susan Louise McVicker b August 14, 1948

6 John David McVicker b April 11, 1954

4 Dr. Hardy P. Curry B August 31, 1876 Marlin, Texas

m March 27, 1894

Dee Gary

4 Callie Curry b March 22, 1881 d Oct. 1947

m March 14, 1915

J. V. Cooper

4 Duke Brown Curry b July 21, 1882 Kosse, Texas

M July 22, 1906

Mollie Sowders

issue

5 A daughter

3 Laura B. Brown b Nov. 16, 1855 d March 28, 1931

m

J. H. Collard

issue

4 Laura Jim Collard b Jan. 9, 1900 Kerrville, Texas

m

Charles Heckler

3 Burkley Baker Brown b 1856 Pointe Coupee Parish, La. d April 12, 1906 Gatesville, Texas

m near Bremond, Texas 1877

Annie Belle Briggs b 1856 d Oct. 10, 1898

issue

4 Dido Laura Brown b Nov. 19, 1882 523 S. Shaver, Pasadena, Texas.

m May 6, 1900 Lott, Texas

Luther Boyce DeWalt d 1930 Marlin, Texas

issue

5 Herbert Waters DeWolt b March 12, 1901 Seattle, Wash.

m 1950 San Francisco, Calif.

Ethyl Schick

5 Belleroil DeWolt b Feb. 12, 1903

m Dec. 29, 1922, Hearne, Texas

J. Roy Rushing

issue

6 Natalie Rushing b May 25, Hearne, Tx.

m June 281943
George R. Dunn

7 Nancy Rushing Dunn b Feb. 21, 1940

6 Beverly Ann Rushing May 25, 1929

m Dec. 1948

Garrett Conklin Lynch

issue

7 Garrett Rushing Lynch b Nov. 29, 1949

5 Mary Jaunita DeWolt b Aug. 31, 1908 Dallas, Texas

m first Joe Marshal Adcock Nov. 17, 1927

issue

6 Betty Jean Adcock Dec. 26 Houston, Texas

m June 7, 1951

Dury Miller

issue

Andrew Drury Miller b March 21, 1952

6. Joe Marshall Adcock, Jr., Austin, Texas

5 Mary Jaunita DeWolt Adcock married second time to H. S. Merrell, Dallas, Tex.

5 Lolia Boyce DeWolt b Oct. 30, 1911 Houston, Texas

m May 25, 1932

Harley Winton Fisher

issue

6. Cynthia Deanne Fisher b July 23, 1938

Ivan Brown DeWolt b Oct. 6, 1914 Pasadena, Texas

m 1937

Louise Schmitt

issue

6. Luther Boyce DeWolt b August 23, 1940
6. Mary Louise DeWolt b August 14, 1942

4 Nellie Brown b 1880 d 1884

4 Eula Briggs Brown b Oct. 16, 1878 d Waco, Texas.

m William R. Murphy July 1894

issue

5 Addie Lee Murphy b 1895 d 1899

5 Verna Belle Murphy b July 17, 1901

M 1920

Edmond Kagler, Sr.

issue

6 Edmond Kagler, Jr. b Sept. 21, 1921

m March 15, 1949

Doris Beavers

issue

7 Janice Lynn Kagler

7 Jeffery Brian Kagler

5 Burkley Brown Murphy 7001 Pasadena St., Dallas

m

4 Brinson Burkley Brown b Nov. 27, 1887 Oklahoma City

m Dec. 12, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Maude Kathryn Waters

4 James Thomas Brown b July 12, 1885

m 1910

Victoria Busby 217 N. L. St., El Reno, Oklahoma

3 Duke Davis Brown b Pointe Coupee Parish La. March 28, 1861 d Jan. 6, 1931

m Nov. 18, 1883 in Ellis Co.

Yancy Columbus Richardson b June 22, 1862 d Nov. 5, 1949

issue

4 Bessie Brown b Feb. 9, 1886 516 West Pierce, Houston Texas

m Dec. 12, 1906

Vivian G. Gardner

issue

5 Vivian Gardner b Sept. 25, 1911

m June 9, 1934

Leroy Stensel

issue

6 Leanne Stensel b May 15, 1935

6 Leroy George Stensel, Jr. b Dec. 9, 1943

d Clinton Forest Brown b May 10, 1888 d Dec. 3, 1922

M Lizzie Owens San Saba, Texas

issue

5 Clinton Forrest Brown, Jr. San Saba, Texas

4 Burkley Bardwell Brown b June 10, 1891 d Aug. 30, 1937

m July 4, 1817

Anna Wadkin

issue

5 Alfred Foy Brown II April 29, 1918

4 Duke Davis Brown, Jr. b June 10, 1891 Highland, Texas

m

Ferol Lee

issue

5 Bessie Lucille Brown b Nov. 22, 1932 d Oct. 24, 1946

4 Lois Brown b Oct. 23, 1897

m Sept. 27, 1919

Robert E. Durham

issue

5 Butherford Brown Durham b Feb. 21, 1921

5 Paul Raymond Durham b Feb. 31, 1927

m Dec. 27, 1950

Janice Schunerer

issue

6 Mary Beth Durham b Oct. 1952

4 Dianne Durham b Nov. 23, 1953

3 Albert Holmes Brown b July 5, 1823 St. Francisville, La. d Dec. 27, 1910

m March 21, 1860 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Henrietta Roberta Hunstock b June 17, 1827

issue

4 Francis Eliza Brown

4 Asa Lee Brown

4 Roberta Winter Brown

4 Lolla Jeannette Brown died when a small child

4 Ella Louise Brown b May 14, 1868 Portland, Oregon

4 Mrs. Virginia Moser, La Grande, Oregon is a grand daughter of Albert and Roberta Brown.

3 Ellen A. Brown b St. Francisville, La. 1829 d Nov. 22, 1907 Sherman, Texas

m

George W. Campbell b Dec. 27, 1822 d July 5, 1915

issue

4 George W. Campbell, Jr. may have been others

issue

George W. Campbell, III Sherman, Texas

George Campbell, III has a sister but was able to secure no other information.

Ellen Brown and her husband moved first to Ellis Co. Texas and in 1893 moved to Sherman, Texas

3 Mary Jane Brown b Jan. 1832 (possibly her mother died at her birth for Jan. 1832 is death date of Mary Baker Brown The Rectors book at Grance Memorial Episcopal Church St. Francisville shows she died 1844 one year following the death of her father).

I Asa Brown, Sr., was married twice, - the second wife Mary Holmes - no dates but there were two children of that marriage. William who died when a young man is buried in Magnolia Cemetery, - Baton Rouge, La., also Cornelia Ann, who is the sister and the grandmother of Mary Robertson Marks, 835 Maximillian, Baton Rouge, whose graciousness in giving to the author, her clues enabled her to contact members of Brown Family without which it would have been impossible to have compiled this material on Brown Family.

Lake Charles, Oct. 5, 1862

Mr. Ryan:

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Ryan has requested me to write you in behalf of Capt. Maynard. You have heard, I suppose, ere this of the visit the Yankee's made to L. Charles. They did no harm but frightened the people some. The men more than the women, - as none was seen after the enemy came in sight to give advice to the women in case hostilities commenced. The saving of the Lake is wholly due to Capt. Maynard as he was the only one to be found that did advise or speak to the enemy through Mrs. Ryan. The enemy demanded so many potatoes and 3 beeves by 5 in the morning, Sunday. If not complied with to have the women and children removed and they would commence shelling the place. Sure enough, the articles were not sent at the appointed time.

Now who was the message sent to, - the men or the women? Capt. Maynard brought the message to your house. Napoleon, your man was taken prisoner along with Coln Clifton; again the same person brought the message to Capt. Maynard, after daylight, that if there was not something coming to show they were to have those articles in thirty minutes they would shell the towns sure as there was a God in Heaven. No men appeared yet, only Capt. Maynard and William Io Charles. We sent to the Yank Captain to hold back and he should have what he desired. The Yankee Captain said, "If the women and children would show themselves on the stoop he would hold back a little as that would show they intended to comply." None was to be seen on the stoops but women and poor little children.

Well, Mr. IO Charles went for the beeves and Mrs. Ryan had the potatoes dug as quick as possible and sent by your servants and not a white man only. Captain Maynard to see them through - the Yank Captain having his cannon, during the time bearing on your mills. I was an eye witness from the time the Yanks came in sight Saturday evening until they left, and I even went to Capt. Maynard's

to tell him the beeves were ready. He went from his house to your pier, where the beeves were penned and to Mrs. Haskell's; whilst they were there six men of the town waded deliverately on to the Yank boat and among the Yanks. Immediately, the Yank Capt. had his launch turned so that the cannon would bear on a piece of woods something a little north of Mr. Bilbo's. As I was standing on Mrs. Haskell's gallery I heard him give his command, to shell the woods in that direction as there was a schooner hid out there somewhere and someone gave the information that there was armed men at that place. The Yanks intended to take the schooner also, as they had the steamboat.

Captain Johnson was at your house when the enemy came in sight. It was his duty to see all persons and places were protected and not to leave the place to the guidance of women and the mercy of as ruthless enemy as we have to contend with. There was not a man to be found, - only Capt. Maynard. Mrs. Ryan sent several times to get some responsible person to advise us how to do and what to do. Not a man was to be seen until fear of 16 Yankees had in a measure left them. When, as I said, those men went on board the Yanks kept them until they passed out of the mouth of the river going down to the pass, and so far down there was no danger from armed forces. (Paper broken - not able to make out several words.) There is where I should be if an officer. The men that went on board the enemy ship voluntarily might have taken care of themselves and dodged the balls but to let them get off and place the only one in prison, - the one who answered for others who should have been at their posts of duty. Who stood up for L. Charles and for the women and children? I don't believe it is in the law of war to punish such a man. I only hope to God he may come off free and the men may thank Mrs. Ryan and Capt. Maynard that their homes are not now in ashes. Some said it would take a month to shell the town, - perhaps they never saw a bomb shell thrown, - some of them burst before they fell.

Excuse this long letter, but it is for one who stood by helpless women and little children in the hour of danger. Capt. Maynard told the Yank he was an old man and not responsible, and they, with oaths, said, "If he did not take the responsibility they would immediately commence hostilities."

Respectfully,

M. Herrington.

P. S. Since writing this letter Capt. W. Johnson has concluded to take Capt. Maynard to Opelousas. Capt. Maynard wishes you to go there as he has no one to stand for him. This letter will be proof enough as to who did their duty at the Lake in time of danger. All well at home.

To Mr. Jacob Ryan,

New Iberia, La.

M. Herrington.

This letter was written by Maria Brown Higgins Herrington and is included in this account of her family that we may better appreciate the character of this woman who did not hesitate to stand for the right in a time when women were expected to keep silent.

Soon after the War ended, Judge Ryan moved to California and died there. A few years ago his son came back to Lake Charles and gave the letter to W. R. Herrington, a grandson of the writer) in whose possession it is now. His wife Carrie King Herrington is also a granddaughter of the writer.

Higgins Family

When the American Colonies were waging war against England, and in the middle 1700's England found herself confronted with rebellion in Ireland, but she was successful in supressing in a very short time the uprising near home. Some of those actively concerned fearing for their lives fled to America. In that group Barney Higgins.

It has never been definitely established if Higgins was an Englishman connected with the Government or if he was an Irishman who had something to do with the rebellion. The only record we found was that he came to America with his wife, Mary Cavanaugh and her two brothers, George and James Cavanaugh.

One story in the family says, they were accompanied by a brother of Barney Higgins and first came to New York. Barney did not like that section so he with his wife and her two brothers came down to The Louisiana Territory, 1779, which at that time was under the Spanish regime. Records in Pointe Coupee Parish show that the brothers Cavanaugh received grants of land in That Parish. American Papers show grants of land having been given to Higgins and the Cavanaughs in West Feleciana parish around 1800 also Territorial Papers for Louisiana Territory shows George Cavanaugh having been sheriff in 1810. It is not believed that either of the Cavanaughs married as no record has been found.

Names of children of Barney Higgins and his wife Mary Cavanaugh Higgins have been lost but we do know that there were grandchildren, - Abdigail, Nancy Sarah and James. And that James married Nov. 27, 1829 in St. Francisville, La. to Maria Brown (See Brown Line for data on descendants of James and Maris Higgins).

James Higgins died about ten years later and after the remarriage of his wife Maria, the three Higgins children, Marshall, Mary, and George were cared for much of the time by the sister of James, Sarah, who possibly lived in Woodville, Mississippi. Do not know if Sarah was ever married. A careful search has not been made in Woodville to establish definite fact of her residence there.

Massey Family in Mississippi

So very little is known about the Massey Family, and it has not been possible to make an extended search on that particular Line. A Massey came to Mississippi from Virginia, - some connection with the Indian Affairs in that state, before 1820. Can not say definitely if his name was William Massey but believe that is correct. Soon after coming to Mississippi he resigned his connection with the Government and bought land known as "The Pearl River Plantation." In Simpson County. There have been two courthouses at the county seat of Simpson County destroyed by fire and it is impossible to obtain records at the court house.

The wife of William Massey was Elizabeth Patton, Shubuta, Mississippi (Elizabeth had a brother Jack who was believed to have been officer in Regular Army, before War between the States.

I William Massey

m

Elizabeth Patton

issue

2 Harriett Massey

2 Margaret Massey

2 Lafayette - Who as early as 1858 was living at Duson, La.

2 Quitman - Was living at Lampassas, Texas in 1889

2 Arthur (Who returned from War to take over plantation and found carpet-baggers had taken over, the parents having both died while he was away and the other two brothers had moved from the state before the war. He was shot from ambush to keep him from pressing his claim for the land.

2 Caroline Massey - See Norwood material in this book for data on her.

Powell Family

So very little is known of Powell Family, only that they were a South Carolina Family and John Norwood was married to Catherine Powell in South Carolina. She was born 1790 (U. S. Census 1860). Evidently her father was a wealthy slave owner in South Carolina for at his death her husband John Norwood accompanied her back to South Carolina to settle the estate and they brought back slaves that had been her portion of the estate.

We have found nothing of the parents of Catherine Powell Norwood but do know there was a ~~brother~~ nephew Ab. who came to Mississippi and reared a family in Simpson County. There was also a brother, - Billy Powell who never married, and spent much time in Mississippi visiting his brother and sister and later the nieces and nephews as they established homes.

He always traveled with his personal servant - a negro slave. He was reputed to have been very rich and that he carried large sums of money with him. In his last years he was in miserable health and went to stay with his niece Mary Norwood Wood and the story gained much credence that he had buried large sums of money on the Wood Farm.

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